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SOUTH HAVEN

New format is a big hit

Organizers pleased with MLK Day turnout

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — If the number of people attending South Haven's Martin Luther King Day celebration was any indication, they liked the program's revamped format.

Approximately 200 people sat down together in South Haven High School's cafeteria for a complimentary lunch, courtesy of school's kitchen staff, and then enjoyed an hourlong program that featured student and adult speakers, dancers and singers, all focusing on the theme, "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: His Work, His Message, His Legacy."

"We have a long tradition of gathering to serve," program co-organizer Rev. Jeffrey Dick said to the audience during lunch. The pastor of First Congregational Church was referring to past local observances of MLK Day where volunteers packaged rice to distribute to area food pantries. "This year we wanted to sit down as neighbors and share fellowship. It's a great turnout."

Yazmine Burton, a Lake Michigan College student who helped organize the event, was one of the guest speakers.

She focused on one of King's famous quotes, "We may have all come in different ships, but we're in the same boat now."

Burton said the quote inspires her. "We are brothers and sisters no matter what color we are," she said.

Jordan Taylor, a South Haven High School senior, joined several of her classmates in making remarks about why King's legacy still matters.

"Today is not about a day off from school or work," she said. "It's about

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Becky Kark / For The Herald-Palladium

People gather Monday at South Haven High School for the town's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day event, which marked a departure from past practices.

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Members of All God's Children Community Choir perform Monday morning during the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration held at Lake Michigan College's Grand Upton Hall.

Following his example

Upton: Staying silent isn't an option in the face of wrongdoing

By LOUISE WREGE
Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Americans need to respect each other and speak up when a wrong is done, U.S. Rep. Fred Upton said Monday at the 25th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast at Lake Michigan College in Benton Township.

"Our lives begin to end the day we stay silent," he said in the paraphrased comment often attributed to King.

Upton told the crowd of more than 600 that is why he felt he had to say something last summer when President Donald Trump tweeted racist comments against four congresswomen of color, saying they should "go back" to where they came from, even though they are all U.S. citizens and three of the four were born in America. Trump has denied that the tweets were racist.

Congressman Fred Upton speaks during the 25th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

Upton was one of only four Republicans to join the House Democrats in approving a resolution condemning the racist comments.

"Before I actually cast my vote, I spoke with a number of our employers, large and small, here in Michigan (and) around the country," Upton said. "They all agreed that those comments would be unacceptable in their workplace."

Upton said he even called officials in Major League Baseball and asked them what would happen if a baseball player made those comments.

"They told me at the commissioner's office that (the player) would be suspended

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Michigan schools urged to tackle rising youth suicides: 'You need a plan'

By JENNIFER CHAMBERS
The Detroit News

When a young person is lost to suicide, the search for answers often leads to a question: What is being done in K-12 schools to address the problem?

In Michigan, where suicide prevention education for students and training for teachers is not mandatory, the answer is little to nothing.

That's despite the fact that suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people in the state between ages 10 and 24, behind accidents. Youth and young adult suicide rates in Michigan and nationally have been climbing steadily since 2007, and the state outpaced the national rate from 2011 to 2017, figures show.

Inside most high schools, education on suicide consists of posters and pamphlets with toll-free numbers offering help. A few schools organize assemblies with sage speakers that last an hour. Even fewer schools hold mental health weeks that offer coping tips for stressed-out teens.

What's less common – but does exist in one Metro Detroit district – is classroom instruction dedicated exclusively to suicide awareness and prevention. But this week, a small group of Michigan suicide prevention advocates is working to change that by enlisting teachers to bring suicide education into the schools themselves.

Last week, a school summit will be held for the first time as part of the fourth annual Kevin's Song Conference on Suicide to teach educators what can be done in K-12 schools to stem the rising tide of suicide among Michigan's young people.

The conference, which runs through Saturday at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, is organized by Kevin's Song, a Michigan-based suicide awareness and prevention nonprofit.

At the summit, a small group of educators doing suicide prevention work in schools will share their programs, ideas and best practices so other educators, students and parents can start their own programs.

"Some schools are not doing anything. Until there is a suicide in a school, oftentimes it's not seen as a priority," said Gail Urso, co-founder of Kevin's Song. "Our hope is when schools come together and see what other schools are doing, they will get on the ball."

Gail and her husband, John Urso, founded the nonprofit after the death of their son, Kevin, who died by suicide in 2013. The Grosse Pointe Park couple has organized 400 health care providers, behavioral health professionals, educators, first responders, loss survivors and suicide prevention advocates for the conference, which is open to the public.

The Ursos say suicide is a public health crisis that needs attention in local communities and in schools. The couple would like it added to the state K-12 curriculum.

"In schools, sex ed is a

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2020 Watch: Will impeachment change the primary election?

By STEVE PEOPLES
AP National Political Writer

SANDERS WARREN BIDEN BUTTIGIEG

DES MOINES, Iowa — Presidential politics move fast. What we're watching heading into a new week on the 2020 campaign:

Days to Iowa caucuses: 14

Days to general election: 288

The narrative

With voting to begin in just two weeks, the sprint to the Iowa caucuses is decidedly complicated by the beginning of President Donald Trump's historic impeachment trial in the Senate. The proceedings will prevent the two leading progressive candidates, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, from spending as much time in the kickoff caucus state as they'd like, giving an advantage to moderate rivals Joe Biden and Pete Buttigieg. At the same time, the progressive movement is struggling to project a united front after a dispute over gender threatened to splinter the left. Taken together, the evolving dynamics add yet another layer of uncertainty to the already unsettled Democratic primary fight at a critical moment.

The big questions

How excited are black voters about these Democrats?

The week opens with Martin Luther King Jr. Day – and a spotlight on the Democratic Party's critical relationship with African American voters. The party's best-known black candidates, Kamala Harris and Cory Booker, have already been knocked out the race. On paper, Joe Biden has maintained a dominant advantage over the rest of the field among black voters, but the ultimate Democratic nominee will not only need to win black voters in the primary, he or she will need to convince them to turn out in greater numbers in 2020 than they did in 2016. We'll be talking to plenty of African American leaders and watching how the candidates are received at multiple forums dedicated to King and racial justice across various states, including Iowa and South Carolina.

Will impeachment change the primary?

History is being written in Washington this week as the Senate begins Trump's impeachment trial on Tuesday. While the proceedings are not expected to lead to the Republican president's removal, they could play a major role in the first

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Human-to-human transmission confirmed in China coronavirus

By YANAN WANG and KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

BEIJING — The head of a Chinese government expert team said Monday that human-to-human transmission has been confirmed in an outbreak of a new coronavirus, a development that raises the possibility that it could spread more quickly and widely.

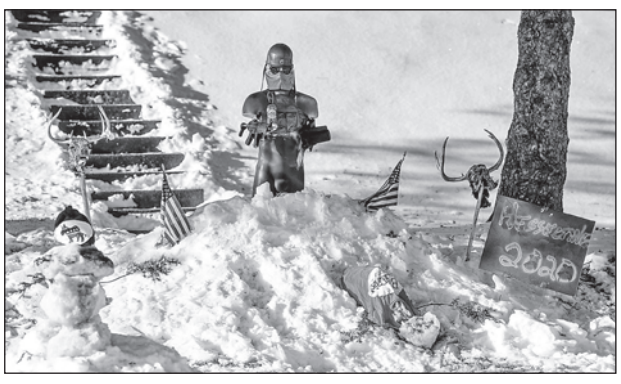
Team leader Zhong Nanshan, a respiratory expert, said two people in Guangdong province in southern China caught the virus from family members, state media said. Some medical workers have also tested positive for the virus, the English-language China Daily newspaper reported.

The late-night announcement capped a day in which authorities announced a sharp uptick in the number of confirmed cases to more than 200, and China's leader called on the government to take every possible step to combat the outbreak.

"The recent outbreak of novel coronavirus pneumonia in Wuhan and other places must be taken seriously," President Xi Jinping said in his first public statement on the crisis. "Party committees, governments and relevant departments at all levels should put people's lives and health first."

Xi's remarks were reported by state broadcaster CCTV on its main 7 p.m. news broadcast.

In Geneva, the World Health Organization announced it would convene an Emergency Committee meeting on Wednesday to determine whether the outbreak warrants being declared a global health crisis. Such declarations are typically made for epidemics of severe diseases that threaten to cross borders and require an internationally coordinated response. Previous global emergencies have been declared for crises including the ongoing Ebola outbreak in Congo, the emergence of Zika virus in the Americas in 2016 and the West Africa Ebola outbreak in 2014.



Meg McLaughlin / Quad City Times via AP

A snow display in the yard of Donald Hesseltine is seen Monday in Davenport, Iowa. Leaders in the city condemned Hesseltine's display, depicting a figure gunning down a snowman wearing a Bernie Sanders shirt and another adorned with a Democratic Party hat.

Davenport leaders condemn snow display targeting democrats

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — Leaders in Davenport, Iowa, on Monday condemned a homeowner's snow display depicting a figure gunning down a snowman wearing a Bernie Sanders shirt and another adorned with a Democratic Party hat.

Davenport Mayor Mike Matson said he's asked the police chief to investigate the display.

"My personal reaction is that it's terribly wrong and an embarrassment to our city," Matson told the Quad-City Times. "All hate speech is wrong."

Homeowner Donald Hesseltine laughed off such concerns, saying he created the display over the weekend to "mess with" friends who support Sanders, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for president.

The first votes in the nomination process will be in two weeks when the Iowa caucuses take place.

"It's just to make people cry I guess," said Hesseltine. "They're crying, so I win."

LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
7C-5D-10D-6H-4S
Midday Daily 3
4-1-6
Midday Daily 4
7-7-2-3
Daily 3
4-9-2
Daily 4
9-5-1-6
Fantasy 5
04-08-34-35-38
Keno
03-05-07-12-14-15-18-19-23-35-37-38-42-51-52-58-61-62-65-66-76-77
Mega Millions jackpot
$116 million
Powerball jackpot
$343 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
03-23-25-29-39
Cash4Life
19-32-38-51-57, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
12-16-17-21-26-32-38-42-50-51-52-55-58-59-64-68-73-77-78-79, BE: 26
Daily Three-Midday
2-4-7, SB: 0
Daily Three-Evening
0-2-6, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
7-2-5-1, SB: 0
Daily Four-Evening
0-0-3-1, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening
01-05-06-10-15-19-33-36-39-44-47-52-54-57-58-63-64-68-74-79, BE: 15

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
09-13-19-28-43
Pick Three-Midday
1-2-2, Fireball: 8
Pick Three-Evening
3-7-4, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Midday
9-5-2-0, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Evening
6-7-2-6, Fireball: 3
Lucky Day Lotto
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voting contest of the Democratic Party's primary season. Four Senate Democrats running for president, Amy Klobuchar, Michael Bennet, Sanders and Warren, are required to attend each day of the trial, which will severely limit their ability to rally supporters on the ground in Iowa. Will it hurt them? Will it ultimately help Biden and Buttigieg? And stepping back, will it diminish the importance of Iowa's Feb. 3 caucuses?

Can Trump peel off any Bernie bros?

All of a sudden, Republicans, led by Trump, are deeply concerned about whether Sanders is being treated fairly by the Democratic Party. Perpetuating a conservative conspiracy theory, the president claimed last week that establishment Democrats "are rigging the election" against Sanders by forcing him to stay in Washington for the impeachment trial just two weeks before the Iowa caucuses. The conspiracy ignores the fact that Warren, Klobuchar and Bennet are in the same position as Sanders. It's laughable to think Trump and GOP leaders are genuinely concerned about Sanders, but it's not quite so crazy to imagine some disaffected Sanders supporters ultimately supporting Trump this fall – or sitting out the election altogether – if Sanders doesn't emerge as the Democratic nominee. In a general election that may come down to razor-thin margins in a handful of swing states, it wouldn't take many angry Sanders supporters to make a real impact.

Will the unity illusion hold?

Less than a week has passed since the progressive alliance between Warren and Sanders was shattered with a "he said, she said" dispute tinged with sexism. The liberal leaders have avoided any further public criticism of each other since the Jan. 14 debate, but tensions remain, particularly among their most passionate supporters. Democrats cannot afford any permanent divisions in their energized left wing if they hope to defeat Trump in the fall. And rank-and-file primary voters have little appetite for Democrat-on-Democrat violence. That makes the Sanders-Warren rift a critical dynamic to watch moving forward.

Does Bernie have a woman problem?

Even before the Warren accusation, it was no secret that many female supporters of Hillary Clinton had been nursing a years-long grudge against Sanders. They blamed him for not working hard enough to help the party's first female nominee after their divisive 2016 primary battle. Sanders didn't do himself any favors with those voters on Sunday when he described gender (and age) as a political "problem." It was an inarticulate answer at best to a dangerous question that Sanders should have been better prepared to answer. Given the decisive role women have played in helping Democrats in the Trump era, Sanders and his party need to do better.

The final thought

Democrats have yet to prove they can assemble a coalition capable of defeating Trump. And on the eve of the Iowa caucuses, the party is facing new questions about its leading candidates' standing with women, African Americans and far-left activists. It's risky to assume that Trump's turbulent presidency alone will be enough to bring everyone together behind the Democratic nominee in November. That makes the delicate discussions over gender and race playing out now all the more dangerous.

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celebrating this phenomenal leader. ... Because of the courage my ancestors had, I can go to a diverse school and drink out of the same water fountain and go to the same bathrooms. I turned 18. I can now vote."

Although South Haven MLK program organizers decided to focus more this year on King's contributions to the Civil Rights movement and less on rice packaging, they also acknowledged the federal holiday's designation as a national day of service by asking participants to donate laundry soap for We Care INC's personal care pantries.

"We chose laundry detergent because it is greatly needed and very expensive," program co-organizer Rosalie Plechaty explained. "Most personal care items are not covered by any kind of cash assistance."

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and that, in fact, they had a record of that happening before," he said. "It would probably be a four to five game suspension with a loss of pay."

Upton said he believes that Americans can renew their respect for each other so King's dream can become a reality.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Hundreds of people gather at LMC on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Diversity award

Receiving the college's Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Award was Mabel Lee Johnson, a former Benton Harbor resident who died Jan. 22, 2019, at the age of 98.

JOHNSON

Her daughter, Chief Judge Mabel Johnson Mayfield for the Berrien County Trial Court, spoke about her mother, who was born in Dark Corners, Cotton Plant, Ark.

Mayfield said that in 1920, the same year her mother was born, there were 53 lynchings of black people in Arkansas. She said her mother, the second oldest of nine children, was raised not just around racism, but natural disasters.

She said she remembers hearing stories of the family fleeing the historic floodwaters in early 1927. Then on May 5, 1927, she said Americans woke up to headlines about a mob burning a man's body in Little Rock, Ark.

"Hanged the previous day, John Carter's body was drug behind an automobile through the main street of the city, and then saturated with gasoline and burned at one of the principle business corners of the Negro section while thousands of persons looked on, yet police did nothing to stop the lynching and subsequent riot, only directing the heavy flow of traffic around the scene," she said.

Order was restored only after the governor called out the National Guard.

Mayfield said that when her mother was a child, she watched her father leave the family, never to return, and then when she was a teen, she lost her mother to an aneurysm.

Even though life wasn't easy, Mayfield said her mother embraced King's vision before he was even born.

And now, almost 100 years later, she said her mother is being acknowledged as a person who embraced and valued diversity and promoted connections.

"'Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Only light can do that,'" Mayfield said, reading from one of King's speeches. "'Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that.' And Mabel Lee Johnson loved. ... I ask of you, if her, why not you?"

New scholarship

LMC President Trevor Kubatzke announced the creation of a $500 Mabel Lee Johnson Scholarship. Mayfield said her family decided to give the gift of an additional endowed scholarship, called "Impact 356" after Johnson's favorite Bible verse, Proverbs 3: 5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Anyone who would like to contribute to the Impact 356 fund can contact Barbara Craig at the LMC Foundation at craig@lakemichigancollege.edu.

Other speakers included Alonzo Kelly, president and CEO of Kelly Leadership Group, and Debra Johnson, chairwoman of the LMC Board of Trustees.

The winners of the LMC Student Speaking Competition are, first place, Lezlyn Villa, and Shaniya Sanders, second place.

Musical performances were done by the LMC SoundWaves and All God's Children Community Choir.

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Alonzo Kelly, president and CEO of Kelly Leadership Group, speaks to hundreds of people gathered Monday morning at Lake Michigan College's Grand Upton Hall.

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We Care gears up for fundraising month

Goal is to raise $20,000 in February

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — A human service ministry that helps people in need throughout the South Haven area is getting ready to launch its biggest fundraiser of the year.

We Care in the Name of Christ's annual Warm Your Heart Month will kick off Feb. 1 and conclude March 1 with a variety of fundraising events, including the popular "Island Sit," where volunteers brave the cold weather to stand at the city's downtown traffic island to solicit monetary donations from motorists and pedestrians.

"Last year, we raised over $7,000 with just that one event – and we had to shut down 2 hours early due to weather," said Erika Morrison, executive director or We Care.

Overall, We Care hopes to raise $20,000 during Warm Your Heart Month, and Morrison thinks it will happen.

"We were able to reach and exceed our goal of $15,000 last year," Morrison said. "We raised almost $19,500 in 2019. We have a whole team of people that help put together this month of events, raise awareness for needs in our community and fundraise."

Originally, We Care used Warm Your Heart funds for its winter heating assistance program. But several years ago, the nonprofit decided to expand use of the donations to its other ministries, as well

"We have found that when someone comes in for one thing – for instance, help with their heating bill – they also need other things, such as food, shampoo, soap, laundry detergent, even medical equipment like a bath chair or a walker," Morrison said. "However, if people want to make their donation directly to a particular ministry or program, we understand that and welcome that as well."

Last year, We Care was able to provide $12,500 in heating assistance for 103 families. The ministry limits funding to $250 per family. However, by working with partner agencies, We Care was able to obtain an additional $60,000 in heating assistance in 2019 for area residents in need.

Overall last year We Care provided help to 2,800 individuals. The ministry provides food, clothing, personal care items, back-to-school supplies, medical, furniture, emergency housing and transportation assistance and holiday meal baskets and gifts to people. It also coordinates with other agencies to help those in need.

Warm Your Heart Month events include:

Feb. 1 – Warm Your Heart Kickoff, noon-2 p.m., Golden Brown Bakery, 421 Phoenix St. Variety of children's activities. The bakery will provide discounts to people who donate canned goods.

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Photo provided / We Care In the Name of Christ

Van Buren County Commissioner Gail Patterson-Gladney is shown last February taking part in We Care in the Name of Christ's Warm Your Heart Month Island Sit in downtown South Haven. This year's 12-hour fundraising event is scheduled Feb. 29. We Care hopes to raise $10,000 on that day alone.

Goose gathering

By Don Campbell / HP staff

Snow-covered geese gather along one of the ponds at Lake Michigan College on Monday morning in Benton Township.

Hibler, Richter expected to switch roles in Berrien Springs

Hibler set to take over as council president

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien Springs Village Council will soon have a new leader. Just two weeks after Village Council President Milt Richter announced he is resigning that post on Feb. 18, Trustee Jesse Hibler announced his interest in filling the position.

HIBLER

Although the council took no action at its meeting Monday night on either Richter's retirement or Hibler's appointment, Richter said he and Hibler will essentially switch jobs in mid-February. Hibler will become the village president and Richter will take Hibler's vacated trustee seat.

"Jesse will be the president until the November election and I will be taking his spot," Richter said. "Then both seats will be open on the November ballot. I thought it would be better to do it this way to help with the changeover and hopefully more people will express interest in running in November."

"I've enjoyed it. It's been a good ride," Richter said at the close of Monday's meeting. "Things are looking good in the village. We've got a lot done and I think the village looks better than it ever has. I think Jesse is going to do very, very well. I'm please he's going to take over and run this show."

Richter, 78, a retired Lake Michigan College instructor and administrator, has served on the council since November 2007 and has been president since September 2010.

Hibler, 43, has been on the council since February 2017 and was elected to his first full four-year term in November 2018. He is the owner of the Hibler Design Studio in the village and has been active in the community.

Hibler currently is the chairman of the public properties and ordinance and historic district study committees, and will soon take Richter's place on the fire and police committees. He helped develop the village and township's place-based zoning code and is a member of the joint Berrien Springs-Oronoko Township planning commission.

Monday's meeting was preceded by a workshop session to go over the Honor Credit Union sewer extension project with Oronoko Township Supervisor Mike Hildebrand and Village Public Works

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Hartford seeks $2M grant for infrastructure project

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

HARTFORD — Hartford will soon compete for a portion of $10 million available from the Michigan Economic Development Corp. for local infrastructure projects.

The Hartford City Commission held a public hearing Monday night on a resolution to apply for a $2 million Infrastructure and Resiliency Community Development Block Grant.

"The proposed project is comprehensive in nature because it affords us the opportunity to replace water, sanitary and storm sewer lines and road reconstruction in one project," City Manager Yemi Akinwale said.

If granted the funds, the city will match it with $390,000 from the city's water, sewer and road funds.

The proposed project locations include: East Linden and Clark Street from Spaulding to Olds Avenue; Wendell Avenue from Oak to East Main Street; Clark Street from Spaulding to Wendell Avenue; and East Linden Street from Spaulding Street to Olds Avenue.

The existing storm sewer on East Linden Street will be removed and a new 12-inch storm sewer will be installed throughout the project area. In addition, curbs and gutters will be added throughout the project area and sidewalk ramps will be upgraded to ADA compliance.

These projects were determined to be most needed based on the city's recent Storm and Waste Water Management Plan.

Akinwale said this grant is hard to get because so many communities compete for the only $10 million available, but that if Hartford gets it, the money would stretch the life of these roads and infrastructure for many years to come.

The city commission will approve the resolution to apply for the grant at its business meeting next Monday.

In other business, commissioners moved a discussion on opting into recreational marijuana facilities to next week's meeting because Commissioner John Miller was absent.

The commissioners, who approved allowing medical marijuana facilities in November 2017, decided in December to make a decision on opting in or not to recreational in January.

Also next week, commissioners will vote on if they would like to decrease the number of times they meet in a month from twice to once.

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

Assault

Tracee J. Brumley, 40, of Richard Street, Watervliet, 30 days in jail, credit for 30 days served, for domestic violence, an assault on a woman, Aug. 30, 2019, in Lincoln Township.

Tayata A. Davis, 41, of Eighth Street, Benton Harbor, 16 months to 20 years in prison, credit for 72 days served, and $198 in costs for domestic violence third offense, an assault on a woman, May 26, 2019, in Benton Harbor. Davis was sentenced as a habitual offender.

Varien M. Bennett, 42, of Mineral Street, Benton Harbor, 114 months to 20 years in prison and $198 in costs for assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, an assault on a woman, Oct. 18, 2009 in St. Joseph. Bennett was sentenced as a habitual offender.

Wayne L. Dill, 64, of West St. Joseph Street, Watervliet, 5-40 years in prison, credit for 60 days served, $258 in costs, lifetime GPS monitoring and sex offender treatment while incarcerated for first-degree criminal sexual conduct, an assault on a child age 13-16 between July 11, 2014, and Aug. 31, 2014, in Berrien Springs.

Nicholas T. Ewert, 37, of East Fourth Street, Buchanan, 120 days in jail, credit for 83 days served, $705 in fines and costs and 18 months probation for aggravated domestic violence, an assault on a woman, Sept. 29, 2019, in Buchanan.

Qualin C. Parnell, 24, of Thurgood, Benton Harbor, 4-10 years in prison, credit for 77 days served, and $198 in costs for assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, an assault on a woman, Oct. 29, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Fleeing/resisting police

Murice N. McKenzie, 29, of Pipestone Street, Benton Harbor, two concurrent terms of 1-2 years in jail, credit for 29 days served, and $198 in costs for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Harbor Public Safety Officers Zachary Weber and Trevor Wortman Sept. 24, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Alesia R. Wesley, 35, Walnut Street, Benton Harbor, two concurrent terms of 90 days in jail, credit for 48 days served, $1,898 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for malicious destruction of personal property $1,000 to $20,000, a Chevy Tahoe, and false report of a felony Sept. 5, 2019, in Benton Township.

Tynisha T-Sha Bridgeman, 22, of East Vineyard, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail, credit for 60 days served, and $198 in costs for assaulting/resisting and

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Jada Willis crowned Miss Benton Harbor

Jeremiah Sterling wins Mr. Benton Harbor title

By RALPH HEIBUTZKI
HP Correspondent

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BENTON HARBOR — Jada Willis was a bundle of emotion when she heard her named called Sunday night at the Miss Benton Harbor pageant.

She sobbed and sank to her knees while taking her crown from last year's titleholder, Crystal Williams.

"I feel very blessed and overwhelmed with joy," said Willis, moments after her win was announced at the Benton Harbor High School Performing Arts Center.

Asked what she'll enjoy most about the year ahead, Willis responded, "Blossomtime, and changing the community."

Willis' court includes Jenyse McGinnis, named first runner-up and Miss Entrepreneur, Jazmyne Caldwell, second runner-up, and Tak'ajh Favorite, Miss Congeniality.

Willis, 17, is a Berrien Springs High School senior, and the daughter of Alberlena Adams and Jermaine Willis, of Benton Harbor. She's dual enrolled at Lake Michigan and Southwestern Michigan colleges.

She's been on the Berrien Springs honor roll for three years, sings in the choir, and has earned varsity letters in track and field. Her activities include the high school select choir, prom committee and student council. She also participates in musicals at Berrien Springs and LMC.

After graduation, Willis plans to get her associate's degree here, then transfer to Western Michigan University and finish with a degree in music therapy.

"I love to sing, and I love helping people. I realized, I can combine my two passions into a career, so music therapy is my choice," she said.

The queen's court

McGinnis earned her Miss Entrepreneur title for selling the most tickets – 64 for them, while her first runner-up status means that the crown is hers if Willis can't fulfill her royal duties.

"I'm in shock," McGinnis said. "I actually wanted Miss Entrepreneur, because I didn't think I was going to place. I used to play basketball and I don't anymore, so I needed a new hobby. I'm just looking forward to getting close with all the court members."

McGinnis, 17, is a St. Joseph High School senior. Her parents are Daniel and Vonetta McGinnis, of Benton Harbor. She holds varsity letters in basketball and track, and is in Key Club and on the National Society of Honor High Schoolers.

She participates in numerous volunteer activities, including Community Clean Up for the Elderly and the Greater Grace Temple Children's Church. McGinnis plans to attend Grand Valley State University this fall to pursue a human resources career.

Also joining the court is Caldwell. "I wanted to be confident in myself, and try something new," she said.

Caldwell, 18, is a senior at Coloma High School, and daughter of Martha and James Caldwell of Benton Harbor. She's in the Professional Health Careers Academy, and volunteers as a student care provider at local nursing homes.

Caldwell plans to continue her education this fall at Lake Michigan College, then transfer to North Carolina A&T State University to pursue a career in nursing as a nurse practitioner.

Favorite earned her Miss Congeniality title by a vote of the other contestants. She's 17, a senior at Benton Harbor, and the daughter of Tamika Rimpson and Travis Favorite, of Benton Harbor. She enjoys dancing with the Benton Harbor High School Purring Poms team, as its captain, and volunteering with youth. After graduation she plans to attend Southwestern Michigan College, then finish her education at Grand Valley State University to be a nurse practitioner.

Mr. Benton Harbor

Jeremiah Sterling captured the Mr. Benton Harbor crown.

"The feeling is tremendous. I've never done anything like this in my life – so, being crowned Mr. Benton Harbor is very special to me," said Sterling. "I'm very excited to lead to my community."

Sterling, 17, is a senior at St. Joseph High School, and son of Ambie Bell and Jeremiah Wyoming Sterling, of Benton Harbor. He hasn't chosen a college yet, but plans to pursue a journalism career after graduation.

Joining him on the court are Santrail Weatherspoon, first runner-up, Lawrence Cohn, second runner-up, and Christopher Gordon Jr., Mr. Nice Guy.

Weatherspoon, 18, is a senior at Benton Harbor and son of Timothy Davis and Anitra Young, of Benton Harbor.

He plans to study art and new media at Kalamazoo Valley Community College this fall, and eventually open his own videography business.

Second runner-up Cohn, 17, is a senior at Benton Harbor, and son of Lawrence and Teneka Cohn, of Benton Harbor.

After graduation he plans to attend a two-year community college, then hopes to transfer to an HBCU (historically black college or university) to be a doctor.

Gordon, 17, is a senior at Benton Harbor, and son of Christopher Sr. and LaToya Gordon, of Benton Harbor.

He hasn't chosen a college yet, but wants to find one that will allow him to pursue his long-term goal of pursuing a modeling career, he said.

Longtime pageant Chairman Rodger Reinaldo Tripplett also called the action as master of ceremonies, along with Apollonia Williams.

Sunday's pageant marked the second combined affair for the Mr. and Miss Benton Harbor contestants, which meant both groups had to answer a question as part of their title run, and – for the five semi-finalists – give brief platform speeches on topics of their choice.

The theme of this year's event was "The Greatest Sideshow Ever: A Tribute to Benton Harbor, #BH Strong."

Residents struggles with high lake levels

By TONY BRISCOE
Chicago Tribune

CEDARVILLE — On a frigid morning in late fall, resort owner Mark Engle studied the mangled planks and dock posts scattered along an ice-glazed channel that feeds into Lake Huron.

Les Cheneaux Landing Resort, tucked behind an archipelago of 36 islands off Michigan's Upper Peninsula, once had a 175-foot dock with slips for a dozen boats, a boathouse and a bait shop.

In the past two years, Lake Huron rose through the floorboards of both buildings and overtopped the adjoining dock. Now, the weather-beaten boathouse sits stoically marooned, beset on all sides by crystal clear water.

All that Engle has left to carry him through the next tourist season is a small makeshift dock.

"Man can't seem to make anything big enough, strong enough to maintain an advantage over the lake," Engle said. "I've been dealing with Lake Huron since 1982. And I'm afraid the lake is winning the battle."

Near-record high lake levels have astonished residents and business owners in the tiny hamlet of Cedarville, an unincorporated waterfront community built around boating. The consternation isn't solely from the high water – in 1986, lake levels were slightly higher – it's also from the pace of the rise. Less than seven years earlier, many docks and boathouses were sitting on dry land.

In 2013, Lake Huron bottomed out, hitting its lowest mark in more than a century, as did Lake Michigan, which shares the same water levels, according to data from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Around that time, the lake withdrew so far from the shore around Engle's resort – then a collection of 12 rustic cabins and three docks – that mud was all that remained beneath his boathouse.

In just 3 years, levels rose more than 4 feet and last summer peaked at nearly 6 feet above the record low.

"We're living in a time period of extremes," Engle said, looking out at a waterfront that has morphed into a graveyard of flotsam. "If you look at what's happened in the last five or six years, it's kind of scary. Very scary. And it's out of our control."

Nowhere is coastal volatility more evident than Lake Huron, home to 30,000 of the Great Lakes' 35,000 islands and its longest shoreline. Commerce, ecology and recreation all suffer the consequences of the erratic highs and lows of the lake.

Lake levels are governed by precipitation, runoff and evaporation, an equation that's extremely difficult to forecast over six months, let alone over several decades, according to scientists. But foremost researchers on Great Lakes hydrology say they believe climate change is contributing to these steep swings between lows and highs, and could become more pronounced in the future.

"There's no way we can heat the Earth, change the moisture budget and not expect it to have an impact on the lake levels," said Richard B. Rood, a professor in University of Michigan's Department of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering.

Climate change is amplifying variability in lakes that are naturally predisposed to fluctuation. Unlike lakes Ontario and Superior, which are regulated by dams and binational regulatory boards, lakes Michigan and Huron, measured as one body of water because they are connected at the Straits of Mackinac, have no such controls and consequently have experienced the greatest variation from record low to high in the Great Lakes.

"I think it's reasonable to expect in the next 10 to 30 years, perhaps longer, one of the main outcomes of climate change might be more variability, higher highs and lower lows," Rood said.

Scientists say human activity is changing the planet's climate faster than at any point in modern civilization, heralding costly and, in some cases, life-threatening consequences in every region of the country, according to NOAA's comprehensive 2018 report on global warming.

As the amount of heat-trapping greenhouse gases has spiked over the past century, the Earth's warmer atmosphere is capable of holding additional moisture, which scientists say is resulting in more frequent and severe storms. Across the Great Lakes region, precipitation has increased 14 percent, and the frequency of heavy storms has risen 35 percent since 1951, contributing to widespread flooding. In the past two years, the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio each have endured a string of 12 consecutive months that have been the wettest in 124 years.

Water has filled the Great Lakes to the brim, affecting the entire region, from the most famous island in the Great Lakes – Mackinac Island, where parts of its eight-mile bike path and walking trail have been closed due to powerful waves – to the lesser known but just as picturesque Les Cheneaux Islands (pronounced lay-shen-no and meaning "the channels" in French).

Twenty miles east of the Straits of Mackinac, the rugged and heavily wooded shorelines of Les Cheneaux Islands serve as a major migratory pathway for birds. They are home to some of the most pristine wetlands in the Great Lakes, serving as a vitally important fish habitat. Myriad wildlife traverse the rugged terrain, including black bears, gray wolves, beavers, muskrats and minks. And, tourism is the bedrock of many communities. The full-time population of around 2,000 people triples in the summer.

Here, it's just as common, if not more so, for visitors to arrive by boat rather than by car. For locals, it is a rite of passage for children as young as 10 to learn to captain a boat. The area is known for its collection of antique wooden boats, specifically the sleek, mahogany Chris-Crafts of the early 20th century.

WE CARE

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Feb. 6 – A Night to Warm Your Heart, 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Taste Restaurant, 402 Phoenix St. Portion of proceeds will be donated to We Care.

Feb. 8 – Corner Collection, noon-6 p.m., downtown South Haven. St. Basil's Knights of Columbus will be collecting money from motorists and pedestrians.

Feb. 11 – A Day to Warm Your Heart, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Phoenix Street Cafe, 523 Phoenix St. Portion of proceeds will be donated to We Care.

Feb. 14 – A Day to Warm Your Heart, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Clementine's restaurant, corner of Center and Phoenix streets. Portion of proceeds to benefit We Care.

Feb. 15 – Trivia to Warm Your Heart, 7 p.m., The Congregation (formerly Vineyard Restaurant), 259 Broadway Ave. $100 donation for table of 6. Includes desserts, snacks, raffle and door prizes. All proceeds go to We Care.

20 – A Night to Warm Your Heart, 4 p.m.-9 p.m., Black River Tavern, corner of Phoenix and Kalamazoo streets. Portion of proceeds go to We Care.

22 – A Night to Warm Your Heart, noon-10 p.m. Kitchen 527, 527 Phoenix St. Portion of proceeds to benefit We Care.

23 – Soup Luncheon, noon-2 p.m., St. Basil Catholic Church, 513 Monroe Blvd. Free-will donation for We Care.

27 – A Night to Warm Your Heart, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Three Blondes Brewing, 1875 Phoenix St. Portion of proceeds to benefit We Care.

Feb. 29 – Island Sit, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown traffic island. Participants will seek monetary donations from motorists and pedestrians. WCSY-FM will provide live broadcast.

March 1 – Soup luncheon, noon-2 p.m., Bangor Church of Christ. Free-will donation for We Care. Sponsored by Bangor area churches.

ROLES

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Superintendent Bill Dustin.

The $1.5 million project is in the homestretch, with construction expected to start later this year. The purpose of the project is to extend sewer lines to the north side of M-139 at the U.S. 31 interchange to allow Honor Credit Union to expand its headquarters on Edgewood Drive.

Also on Monday, the village council approved a second amendment to the township-village wastewater service agreement, pending the resolution of a question from Village Attorney Frank DeFrancesco. It reiterates the fact the village has the capacity in its sewage treatment plant and the township will only send its waste to that plant.

That amendment is the only item the village has to approve. Township officials are expected to take other actions in coming months to move the project along.

SENTENCINGS

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obstructing Benton Harbor Public Safety Officer Reginald Gee Oct. 25, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Tyshon L. Newman, 17, of Colfax Avenue, Benton Harbor, 3 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, $198 in costs, 90 days on tether and 18 months probation for third-degree fleeing police; and two concurrent terms of 3 days, $1,138 in costs, and $875 in restitution for receiving/concealing stolen property and possession of a financial transaction device Nov. 5, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Derrell L. Porter, 33, of Pleasant Street, Benton Harbor, 150 days in jail, credit for 98 days served, and $198 in costs for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Michigan State Police Officer Aaron Adams Sept. 28, 2019, in Benton Township.

Michael R. Brown, 51, no permanent address, 1-4 years in prison, credit for 70 days served, and $198 in costs for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Berrien County Sheriff's Deputy Chad Frantz June 29, 2017, in Niles.

Fraud/embezzlement

Jalin D. Gunn, 19, of Madison Street, Benton Harbor, 280 days in jail, credit for 44 days served, and $2,182 in restitution for first-degree retail fraud Aug. 28, 2019 at Lowe's in Benton Township.

Stephanie M. Reith, 27, of Margaret Place, St. Joseph, 30 days in jail, $878 in fines and costs and 1 year probation for attempted embezzlement $1,000-$20,000 Sept. 9, 2019, from Relief Chiropractic in Royalton Township while employed there.

Ailsa Lauchan-Sesson Powell, 44, of Ogden Street, Benton Harbor, 300 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, and $1,594 in restitution for attempted welfare fraud more than $500 from July 1, 2018 to Jan. 31, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Lance G. Schickling, 37, of Villa Hills, Ky., 30 days in jail, credit for 9 days served, $1,938 in fines and costs, $24,408 in restitution and 18 months probation for attempted false pretenses $1,000-$20,000 between Jan. 1, 2018 and Jan. 1, 2019, at Lean Factory America in Buchanan.

Drugs/drunken driving

Antwan D. Callahan, 38, of Ogden Avenue, Benton Harbor, 34 days in jail, credit for 34 days served, $1,938 in fines and costs, 180 days on tether and 2 years probation for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, second offense, Sept. 9, 2019, in Hagar Township.

Lonnie D. Phipps, 44, of Jennings Avenue, Benton Harbor, 1 year in jail, credit for 1 day served, and $198 in costs for operating while intoxicated, third offense, Nov. 10, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Melissa S. Parm, 41, of South 13th Street, Niles, 90 days in jail, credit for 16 days served, $838 in fines and costs, 2 years probation and driver's license suspended for 1 year, restricted after 60 days, for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Nov. 6, 2019, in Niles.

Weapons violations

Kayla R. Ward, 23, of Indianapolis, Ind., 10 days in jail, credit for 4 days served, and $715 in fines and costs for possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle Oct, 11, 2019, in Berrien Center.

Other

Khamisi A. Reid, 43, of Eastern Avenue, Benton Harbor, 100 days in jail, credit for 56 days served, $2,158 in fines and costs, 180 days on SCRAM tether and 30 months probation for interfering with the reporting of a crime June 22, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

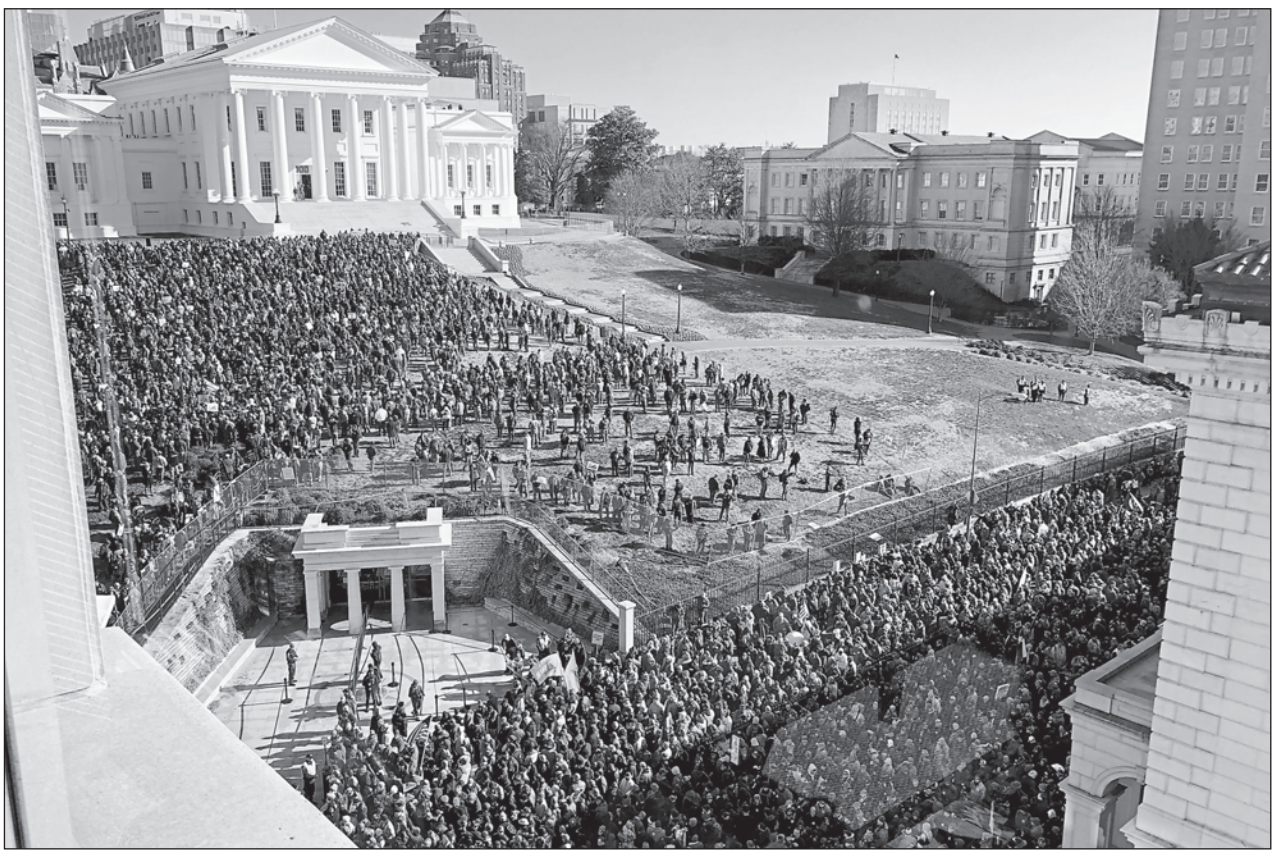
Antonio R. Edwards, 26, of Chicago, 92 days in jail, credit for 92 days served, for tampering with an electronic device, a jail tether; and a concurrent term of 180 days and $326 in costs for absconding on bond Aug. 19, 2019, in St. Joseph.

David D. Moss Jr., 32, of Highland Avenue, Benton Harbor, 50 days in jail, credit for 50 days served, $1,738 in fines and costs, 150 days on tether and 2 years probation for third-degree child abuse Dec. 11, 2018, in Benton Township.

Shina M. Smith, 33, of Donald Atkins Drive, Benton Harbor, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $1,188 in fines and costs, $2,253 in restitution, 60 days on tether and 18 months probation for uttering and publishing a false, forged, altered or counterfeit record, a check, Oct. 1, 2019, in St. Joseph.

Demarion Romaine-Marsho Futrell-Cook, 21, of Brunson Avenue, Benton Harbor, 60 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $2,558 in fines and costs, $17,896 in restitution, 120 days on tether and 5 years probation for illegal sale or use of a financial transaction device between Sept. 21, 2018, and May 5, 2019, in Benton Township.

David W. Martin, 45, of Plainfield, Ind., 16 days in jail, credit for 16 days served, $1,248 in fines and costs, $2,107 in restitution and 2 years probation for organized retail crime Nov. 30, 2015, at the Sprint store in Niles.



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Demonstrators are seen during a pro-gun rally on Monday in Richmond, Va. Thousands of pro-gun supporters are expected at the rally to oppose gun control legislation like universal background checks that are being pushed by the newly elected Democratic legislature.

Pro-gun rally by thousands in Virginia ends peacefully

By ALAN SUDERMAN and SARAH RANKIN
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Tens of thousands of gun-rights activists from around the country rallied peacefully at the Virginia Capitol on Monday to protest plans by the state's Democratic leadership to pass gun-control legislation – a move that has become a key flash point in the national debate over gun violence

The size of the crowd and the expected participation of white supremacists and fringe militia groups raised fears that the state could see a repeat of the violence that exploded in 2017 in Charlottesville. But the rally concluded uneventfully around noon, and the mood was largely festive, with rally-goers chanting "USA!" and waving signs denouncing Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam.

Many protesters chose not to enter the designated rally zone, where Northam had imposed a temporary weapons ban, and instead packed surrounding streets, many dressed in tactical gear and camouflage and carrying military-style rifles as they cheered on the speakers.

"I love this. This is like the Super Bowl for the Second Amendment right here," said P.J. Hudson, a truck driver from Richmond who carried an AR-15 rifle just outside Capitol Square. He was one of the few African American rally-goers in a crowd that was overwhelmingly white and male, and was frequently stopped and asked to pose for pictures wearing his "Black Guns Matter" sweatshirt.

An estimated 22,000 people attended, according to authorities, who said one woman was arrested on felony charge of wearing a mask in public.

The protesters came out despite the frigid temperature to send a message to legislators, they said.

"The government doesn't run us, we run the government," said Kem Regik, a 20-year-old private security officer from northern Virginia who brought a white flag with a picture of a rifle captioned, "Come and take it."

Northam was a particular focus of the protesters' wrath. One poster showed his face superimposed on Adolf Hitler's body.

The governor said in a statement he was "thankful" the day passed peacefully and that "he will continue to listen to the voices" of Virginians while doing everything in his power "to keep our commonwealth safe."

"The issues before us evoke strong emotions, and progress is often difficult," Northam said.

Democratic lawmakers said the rally wouldn't impact their plans to pass gun-control measures, including universal background checks and a one-handgun-purchase-a-month limit. Democrats say tightening Virginia's gun laws will make communities safer and help prevent mass shootings like the one last year in Virginia Beach, where a dozen people were killed in a municipal building.

"I was prepared to see a whole lot more people show up than actually did and I think it's an indication that a lot of this rhetoric is bluster, quite frankly," said Del. Chris Hurst, a gun-control advocate whose TV journalist girlfriend was killed in an on-air shooting in 2015.

Some of the protesters waved flags with messages of support for President Donald Trump. Trump, in turn, tweeted support for their goals.

"The Democrat Party in the Great Commonwealth of Virginia are working hard to take away your 2nd Amendment rights," he tweeted. "This is just the beginning. Don't let it happen, VOTE REPUBLICAN in 2020!

The Virginia State Police, the Virginia Capitol Police and the Richmond Police had a heavy presence, with officers deploying on rooftops, patrolling in cars and on bicycles.

Authorities were looking to avoid a repeat of the violence that erupted in Charlottesville during one of the largest gatherings of white supremacists and other far-right groups in a decade. Attendees brawled with counterprotesters, and an avowed white supremacist drove his car into a crowd, killing a woman and injuring dozens more. Law enforcement officials faced scathing criticism for what both the white supremacist groups and anti-racism protesters said was a passive response.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Faith, politics mix on holiday

By JEFF AMY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Against the backdrop of a presidential election year, Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. holiday found leaders still wrestling over how to best embody the slain civil rights leader

Republicans told a sometimes cool crowd at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta that they were honoring King's civil rights legacy of service and political empowerment. But Democrats found more favor by highlighting the ways they said the current political and social order calls for more radical action in line with King's principles.

Monday's speeches at King's onetime church were just one slice of the political struggle in Georgia, where Democrats believe they can make further inroads in the Republican controlled state, aided by diverse in-migration and a suburban backlash against President Donald Trump.

Up for re-election this year, Trump sought to stamp his own mark on the commemoration. H e and Vice President Mike Pence made a brief visit to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington. Earlier in the day, Trump sent a tweet noting that it was the third anniversary of his inauguration: "So appropriate that today is also MLK jr DAY. African-American Unemployment is the LOWEST in the history of our Country, by far. Also, best Poverty, Youth, and Employment numbers, ever. Great!"

Black unemployment has reached a record low during the Trump administration, but many economists note economic growth since 2009 has driven hiring. The most dramatic drop in black unemployment came under President Barack Obama. Despite economic success, polls find most African American voters regard Trump with distaste.

In Atlanta, Republican U.S. Sen. Kelly Loeffler, appointed earlier this month by Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp, said her upbringing on an Illinois farm was touched by King.

"Dr. King's call to service, to sacrifice, to put others first, it shaped our home and inspired us to ask what Dr. King asked the world. 'What are you doing for others?'" Loeffler said.

One of Loeffler's Democratic opponents in a November special election could be the Rev. Raphael Warnock, the current pastor at Ebenezer, which King and his father once led.

Warnock, without mentioning Loeffler by name, said that honoring King means more than just voicing "lip service" on one weekend a year.

"Everyone wants to be seen standing where Dr. King stood. That's fine, you're welcome," said Warnock, who could soon announce a Senate run.

"But if today you would stand in this holy place, where Dr. King stood, make sure, that come tomorrow, we'll find you standing where Dr. King stood."

Branden Camp / Atlanta Journal-Constitution via AP

The Rev. Raphael G. Warnock speaks during the Martin Luther King, Jr. annual commemorative service at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta on Monday.

Prince Harry hopes for calmer future, but not much chance

By DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON — Prince Harry says he's taking a "leap of faith" as he steps back from royal duties in an attempt to build a more peaceful life – one free of the journalists who have filmed, photographed and written about him since the day he was born.

Fat chance.

As Harry reportedly flew out of Britain on Monday to be reunited with his wife Meghan in Canada, many predicted the prince and the former TV star would struggle to escape global fame and its pressures.

"They believe that if they are not representing the monarchy any longer, the tabloid press will eventually go away because it will be so expensive for them – that there won't be the same savage approach. They feel they will be able to control it more from Canada," said Pauline Maclaran, a business professor at Royal Holloway University of London and author of "Royal Fever: The British Monarchy in Consumer Culture."

"I don't think they are being very realistic."

Harry has long had a frosty relationship with the media, and on Sunday he made it clear that the press was a major reason for the couple's decision to step back from royal life. In a personal speech that referenced his mother, Princess Diana, who died in a car accident in 1997 while being pursued by paparazzi, he said he had "no other option" but to step away.

Steve Parsons / pool photo via AP, File

The newly married Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Meghan Markle and Prince Harry, leave Windsor Castle in a convertible car after their wedding in Windsor, England, to attend an evening reception at Frogmore House, hosted by the Prince of Wales on May 19, 2018. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are to no longer use their HRH titles and will repay £2.4 million of taxpayer's money spent on renovating their Berkshire home, Buckingham Palace announced on Saturday.

Harry has accused the media of directing "a wave of abuse and harassment" at the biracial Meghan, including "racial undertones" in articles. Both he and Meghan filed lawsuits last year against press outlets over alleged intrusion into their private lives. At the time, Harry gave an interview drawing parallels between the treatment of his wife and the media frenzy that contributed to the death of his mother.

"When I lost my mum 23 years ago, you took me under your wing," Harry said Sunday at a London dinner for Sentebale, his Africa-based charity supporting youngsters affected by HIV. "You looked out for me for so long, but the media is a powerful force. And my hope is one day our collective support for each other can be more powerful, because this is so much bigger than just us."

The comments were Harry's first since Saturday night, when his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, announced the terms under which the prince and his wife will walk away from most royal duties, give up public funding and try to become financially independent. The couple, who were named the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on their wedding day, are expected to spend most of their time in Canada while maintaining a home in England near Windsor Castle.

Meghan has already returned to Canada, where the couple spent a Christmas break with their 8-month-old son, Archie. Harry continued in his royal role Monday, attending a U.K.-Africa investment summit in London alongside British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

McConnell proposes swift impeachment trial with 12-hour days

By ZEKE MILLER, ERIC TUCKER and LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Monday proposed a condensed, two-day calendar for each side to give opening arguments in President Donald Trump's impeachment trial, ground rules that are raising objections from Democrats on the eve of the landmark proceedings.

The Republican leader outlined the process in a four-page resolution that will be voted on as one of the first orders of business when senators convene Tuesday. It also pushes off any votes on witnesses until later in the process, rather than up front, as Democrats demanded.

After the four days of opening arguments – two days per side – senators will be allowed up to 16 hours for questions to the prosecution and defense, followed by four hours of debate. Only then will there be votes on calling other witnesses.

McConnell has been angling for a speedy trial toward acquittal of the charges against the president, and the closely held rules package arrived Monday after Trump's legal team asserted in a legal brief that he did "absolutely nothing wrong," urging the Senate to swiftly reject the "flimsy" and rigged impeachment case against him.

The brief from Trump's lawyers, filed ahead of opening arguments, offers the most detailed look at the lines of defense they intend to use against Democratic efforts to convict the president and oust him from office over his dealings with Ukraine. It is meant as a counter to a filing two days ago from House Democrats that summarized weeks of testimony from more than a dozen witnesses in laying out the impeachment case.

"All of this is a dangerous perversion of the Constitution that the Senate should swiftly and roundly condemn," the lawyers wrote. "The articles should be rejected and the president should immediately be acquitted."

The 110-page brief from the White House, plus the House Democratic response, come as the Senate is considering 12-hour opening sessions for the rare trial taking place in an election year, with some of the very senators running to replace Trump as president sitting as jurors.

The White House filing shifted the tone toward a more legal response but still echoed with campaign-style slogans. It hinged on Trump's assertion he did nothing wrong and did not commit a crime – even though impeachment does not depend on a material violation of law but rather on the more vague definition of "other high crimes and misdemeanors" as established in the Constitution.

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Retreating from Dr. King's promised land

E.J. Dionne

The day we set aside to honor Martin Luther King Jr. is like no other national holiday because it is, simultaneously, a celebration and a rebuke.

In what is a very troubled passage for our country, we should not forget how significant it is that we reserve a date calling attention not to a former president or a founder from the revolution of 1776, but to a staunch critic of our injustices. He was killed after giving a speech in Memphis suffused with admonishments to anyone who looked down on others, most powerfully when he noted that the low-paid Americans whose strike he was supporting were "public servants, who happen to be sanitation workers."

This radical witness on behalf of the equal dignity of all God's children made King a founder in his own right (or, perhaps, a re-founder). He called on his fellow citizens to build a new republic that, as he said in Memphis, would "be true to what you said on paper." The "paper" in question included the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence with its still stirring insistence that "all men are created equal."

In the dismay of this moment, we should recall how controversial the creation of this special day was at the outset. During the debate on creating the King holiday in 1983, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., charged that the civil rights leader espoused "action-oriented Marxism" and other "radical political" views. When the first King holiday was celebrated in 1986, several southern states combined it with a holiday celebrating Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. (Alabama and Mississippi still do.)

That the forces celebrating King prevailed spoke to a healthy intuition that cannot simply be written off as tokenism.

Calling our attention to King every year is a way of highlighting the urgency of our still incomplete battle for racial equality. It signals our reverence for those – in King's era, and before and since – who risked a great deal in that struggle, including their lives. The martyred King stands in a line of other martyrs.

For this reason, the holiday is an occasion to renew hope and to fight for a narrative that sees our nation's history as a long journey of self-correction. No one championed this view more passionately than former President Barack Obama. In 2015, he offered his most powerful testimony on its behalf when he traveled to Selma, Alabama to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the "Bloody Sunday" march for voting rights.

"What could be more American than what happened in this place?" Obama asked. "What could more profoundly vindicate the idea of America than plain and humble people – unsung, the downtrodden, the dreamers not of high station, not born to wealth or privilege, not of one religious tradition but many – coming together to shape their country's course?"

And he cited Isaiah's injunction that we "run and not grow weary."

But in 2020, it's impossible not to experience this holiday as also a reproach to what we have become in recent years and a marker of ground once won that is being lost. The recent work of historians Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Eric Foner has reminded us of the enormous racial advances made during Reconstruction after the Civil War and then of our wholesale retreat into Jim Crow.

When overt racism is on the rise, when the Supreme Court undercuts the very voting rights the Selma marchers bled for, and when a president of the United States ascends to notoriety by challenging, through shameless lies, the legitimacy of our first African American president, we have reason to worry we are in retreat again.

African Americans certainly sense the dangers we face. A recent Washington Post-Ipsos poll found that roughly two-thirds of them say it is a "bad time" to be a black person in America. But turning backsliding into progress must become the cause of Americans of all races who reject the idea, as Obama put it in Selma, "that bias and discrimination are immutable, or that racial division is inherent to America."

In the celebrated and ominously prophetic passage of his Memphis speech, King declared: "I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land."

We must never give up on King's confidence. We must never grow weary. But we must also be honest with ourselves at times like ours, when we risk allowing visions of the promised land to fade away.

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Trump's low-grade chums

Kathleen Parker

Thanks to President Trump, we are living in a world of sleaze.

It's tough enough keeping count of the former Trump associates who've been indicted, convicted or imprisoned. With startling regularity, new names emerge on what seems a bottomless list of scoundrels and grifters.

We began this presidential caper, after all, with revelations of a porn star paid off to keep silent about an alleged affair with Trump shortly after Melania Trump had given birth to their son. Never wonder why so many Americans are disgusted by this president. But what finally brought Trump down were not alleged sins of the flesh but abuse of power and obstruction of Congress – the two charges laid out in articles of impeachment now before the U.S. Senate.

Last week, following the slow tortures of the House impeachment inquiry, a new character emerged in the nick of time to bestir the swamp. In a perverse deus ex machina, this time surfacing from the bowels of the stage, Lev Parnas was last week's man of the moment.

You remember ol' Lev. He and Igor Fruman are the two Rudy Giuliani "associates" who were arrested last October as they were about to board a flight to Europe with one-way tickets. Parnas, who pled not guilty to charges of conspiracy, false statements and falsification of records, is now suddenly the voice of reason and moral authority as he makes the cable-TV rounds. During an interview with CNN's Anderson Cooper, he nearly glowed with virtue as, referring to Trump, he helpfully intoned, "He's not king," as if America required someone of Parnas' elevated stature to illuminate the masses.

Yes, he told Cooper, he would be willing to testify if the Senate should call him as a witness. Yes, he would definitely connect all the dots. What a genuine, humble guy, no one was thinking.

Parnas must have taken acting lessons during his hiatus. Soft-spoken and almost contrite, it was briefly hard to remember that he was the same guy who says he traveled abroad on behalf of Giuliani and Trump to convey to President Zelensky that there would be no military-aid funds until he announced an investigation into Joe Biden and Biden's son, Hunter.

The funds, of course, were held up and released only after Trump learned of the whistleblower complaint that triggered the impeachment inquiry. After so many months of proceedings, posturing and the usual political hokey-pokey on the Hill, one is almost tempted to query: *Is that all you got?* Not to minimize the seriousness of essentially inviting a foreign country to join the Trump campaign or bartering military aid for personal gain. But the answer, if we're honest, is that Democrats will do whatever it takes to eradicate The Don and his minions.

Trump has inflicted his own crude, self-aggrandizing pathologies on the nation, and he brought along a revolving cadre of sycophants and criminals to enable his delusional ambitions. Parnas is but the latest. Parnas was sent abroad to make an offer Zelensky presumably couldn't refuse, plausibly delivered with the finesse of a gangster – Giuliani- if not Corleone-style.

If Parnas is going down, he apparently doesn't plan to be lonely. He has also implicated Attorney General William Barr and Vice President Mike Pence, who, Parnas says, were all in the now-storied "loop." Both Barr and Pence deny it. And, of course, there's Giuliani, who has been tangled in his own web of weirdness for some time. Whatever legacy he once had as America's mayor following 9/11, he has surrendered it to ego and a rapacious appetite for relevancy.

Whether Parnas will be invited to tell his tale under oath before the Senate seems doubtful, but he'll find plenty of company among his predecessors in the presidential purgatory he has now entered. In Trump's underworld, disloyalty is usually rewarded with some fresh, new hell.

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LETTERS

Glenn Zerler served community well

Editor,

This past Saturday, the St. Joseph community lost a true public servant with the passing of Glenn Zerler.

Glenn was a long-term member and chairman of the St. Joseph Recreational Harbor Authority (SJRHA).

I was fortunate, as city manager, to serve with Glenn on the authority for nearly 17 years. One of the main responsibilities of the SJRHA is to oversee development and operations of the city-owned West Basin Marina. The volunteer based board has a long history of success.

After retirement from Whirlpool, Glenn spent hundreds of hours per year volunteering to improve West Basin Marina. Although there are many individuals responsible for the major upgrades at West Basin, Glenn led us with steadfast determination.

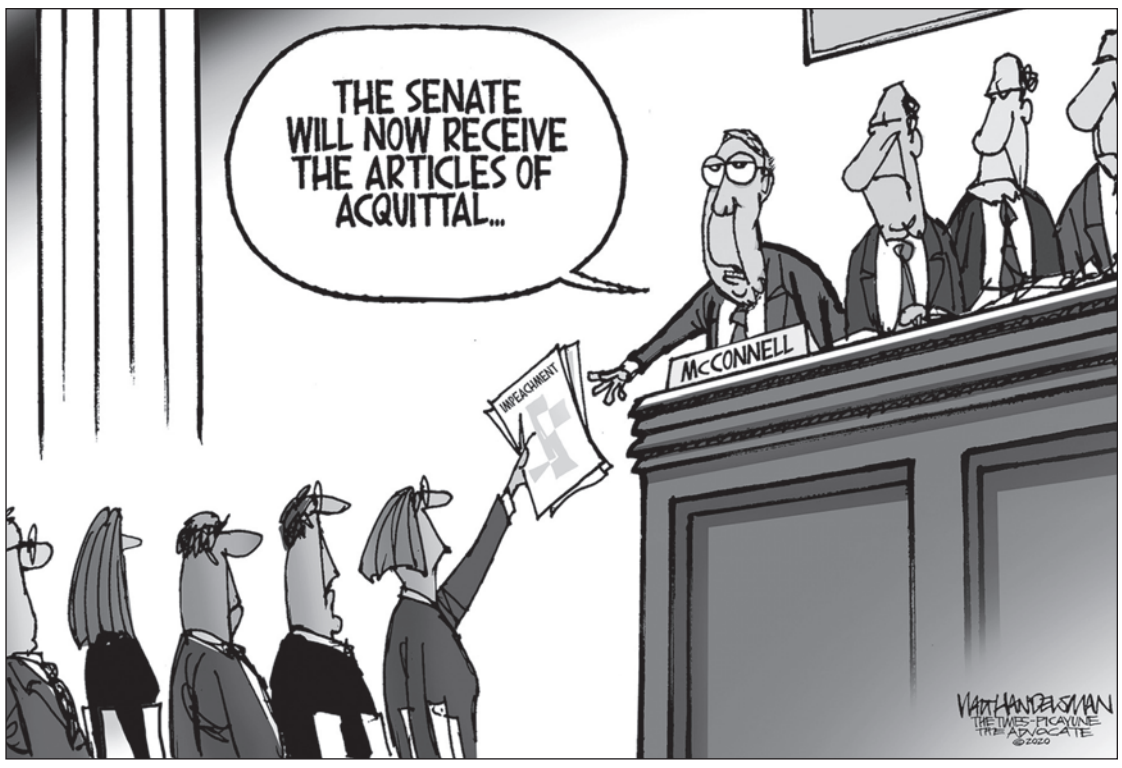
I recall a time when Glenn used his engineering experience to notice a flaw in the future development plans for West Basin.

In the end, Glenn's keen skills saved the Harbor Authority over $17, 000.

Glenn Zerler was a gentleman and gave so much to the St. Joseph community.

May we keep Glenn's unparalleled commitment to West Basin in the forefront for years to come.

Frank L. Walsh
Former SJ City Manager



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The world according to Bernie

Doyle McManus

For most of his 29 years in Congress, Bernie Sanders was mainly a left-wing gadfly, a relentless critic of the bipartisan Cold War consensus and a defender of regimes that resisted U.S. power.

When he ran for president four years ago, the senator from Vermont barely mentioned world affairs; his campaign website didn't even have a foreign policy page for several months.

Since then, Sanders has evolved. In speeches, articles and interviews, he's been working out a theory of what the U.S. role in the world should be after the "endless wars" in Afghanistan and Iraq are brought to an end, a step that remains his starting point.

He hasn't declared a Sanders Doctrine, but he's come close. And now that he has a real chance of winning the Democratic nomination, it's worth a serious look.

He's still anti-interventionist, but not isolationist. He wants the United States to engage in the outside world, but with far less recourse to military force.

He's a multilateralist; he believes the United States should always act with other countries – and, when possible, through the United Nations.

Although he often reminds voters he's the only candidate who voted against the 2003 invasion of Iraq, he's not a pacifist.

He has supported military action in cases of genocide (Bill Clinton's war against Serbia in 1999) and terrorism (George W. Bush's invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, Barack Obama's war against Islamic State in 2014).

He backed the war in Afghanistan through most of the Obama administration, but concluded that it was a mistake to let it continue so long.

One pillar of the Sanders Doctrine sounds traditional, a return to a bedrock principle that both parties shared before the rise of Donald Trump.

"As the wealthiest and most powerful nation on Earth, we have got to help lead the struggle to defend and expand a rules-based international order," he said in 2017 at Westminster College in Missouri, in his first big foreign policy speech.

Another tenet is untraditional: making foreign policy an extension of the domestic "political revolution" Sanders wants.

"We need to counter oligarchic authoritarianism with a strong global progressive movement," he said at Johns Hopkins University in 2018. "We must … reconceptualize a global order based on human solidarity."

If Sanders is elected, we'd probably see the most dramatic changes in the Middle East. He wants to end uncritical U.S. support for two longtime allies, Israel and Saudi Arabia.

Sanders, who is Jewish and spent several months on a kibbutz in 1963, says he's "pro-Israel." But he opposes the hawkish government of Benjamin Netanyahu, whom he has called "a racist." He says he'd make U.S. policy "evenhanded" and try to broker a deal to create a Palestinian state.

Like all of the Democratic candidates, Sanders says he'd try to revive the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran that Trump has abrogated. What's more, he says he'd try to arrange a working relationship between regional rivals Iran and Saudi Arabia, which he has called "a brutal dictatorship … (that) is not a reliable ally."

If Sanders wins the nomination, Trump and other Republicans will accuse him, accurately, of being a socialist. They'll call him soft on defense, a traditional GOP attack on all Democratic candidates. But Sanders will have a comeback: He'll ask Trump why it took him so long to keep his promise to bring U.S. troops home.

If Sanders wins the White House, his presidency would mark a huge change from Trump – a return to a foreign policy resembling President Obama's in many respects.

Sanders would reaffirm the importance of NATO to U.S. security, and restore human rights and democracy promotion as U.S. goals. And he'd try to work through the United Nations – a nostalgic aspiration that may be difficult to fulfill amid the mounting U.S. rivalry with Russia and China, which have veto power on the Security Council.

But in other ways, Sanders would bring surprising continuity. Like Trump, he would disengage U.S. troops from the Middle East. Like Trump, he says he would be quick to use tariffs as a weapon in trade wars.

And the Sanders presidency would be the third in a row in which a president deliberately sets out to downsize U.S. ambitions and reduce U.S. commitments.

If that day comes, romantics will cross their fingers and pray that President Sanders succeeds. Cynics will cover their eyes and wait for him to collide with reality in the Middle East and other places where the balm of human solidarity is too often hard to find.

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OBITUARIES

Jeffery L. 'Jeff' Maxey

March 31, 1953 – Jan. 9, 2020

Jeffery L. "Jeff" Maxey, 66, of Dowagiac, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be held graveside at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, at Riverside Cemetery, 400 Riverside Drive, Dowagiac.

Friends can visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, at Clark Chapel, 405 Center St., Dowagiac.

Memorial contributions in Jeff's name can be made to the Dowagiac Conservation Club.

Those wishing to sign Jeff's memory book can do so online at www.clarkch.com.

Jeff was born March 31, 1953, in Dowagiac to Bill and Joan (Burger) Maxey. He graduated from Dowagiac Union High School in 1971.

After high school, Jeff joined the U.S. Army and proudly served his country from 1972-75. On Feb. 13, 1982, he married Patricia "Pat" Johnson, a Dowagiac Middle School teacher.

Jeff worked diligently as a rural letter carrier for the Dowagiac post office for more than 34 years before his retirement in 2008. He loved football and was a devoted University of Michigan and Detroit Lions fan.

In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, golfing, playing cards, and was an avid deer hunter. He was a proud member of the Dowagiac Elks, Moose and Conservation clubs. Most of all, he loved spending time with his friends and family.

Jeff is survived by his daughters, Julie (Shawn) Bell of Omaha, Neb., and Alicia (Scott) Garrelts of Dowagiac; granddaughter, Aria Garrelts; siblings, Chris (Franny) Maxey of Dowagiac and Renee (Skip) Fiester of Pennsylvania; numerous nieces and nephews; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat Maxey, and his parents.

Thomacine 'Tomi' Jane Fraus Bartley

Feb. 2, 1937 – Jan. 18, 2020

Thomacine "Tomi" Jane Fraus Bartley, 82, was born Feb. 2, 1937, in Chicago to Tom and Albie (Brcka) Fraus. She died Jan. 18, 2020, in Florida.

Tomi and her parents later moved to New Buffalo, where she completed high school and was crowned Miss New Buffalo 1955. She married her high school sweetheart, Robert "Bob" Bartley, on Sept. 8, 1956.

Tomi attended Michigan State University and graduated from the University of Evansville with a nursing degree. She also was a graduate of Patricia Stephens Fashion Merchandising School in Chicago.

Tomi and Bob raised four children while living in several states. The couple shared a passion for architecture and home decor, and built many family homes over the years. Tomi practiced as a registered nurse in Minnesota, Florida and Indiana. She greatly enjoyed caring for her patients and attending nursing club meetings.

Tomi loved Lake Michigan, lighthouses, sunsets, collecting dolls, old movies, home decor, fashion and cooking. She and Bob enjoyed traveling together and traveled extensively, even living in northern Italy from 1989-90, where Bob's job took them. Her greatest loves were Bob, her soulmate of 63 years, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She often thought of others before herself.

Her beautiful life will be forever cherished by her family, Bob Bartley of Vero Beach, Fla.; sons, Bob (Peggy) Bartley of Mt. Vernon, Ind., Bruce Bartley of Terre Haute, Ind., Todd (Amy) Bartley of Edina, Minn.; daughter, Holly (Scott) Wittman of Evansville, Ind.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 23, at Sommerfeld Chapel, 15 N. Barton St., New Buffalo. Burial will follow at Pine Grove Cemetery in New Buffalo.

Visitation with the family will be from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Treasure Coast Hospice, 5090 Dunn Road, Ft. Pierce, FL 34981.

Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence can do so at www.sommerfeldchapel.com.

Death notices

Thomacine J. Bartley, 82, of Hutchinson, Fla., died Jan. 18, 2020, in Florida. Sommerfeld Chapel and Cremation Services, New Buffalo, 469-2333.

Donald Lester Grier, 87, of Bangor, died Jan. 17, 2020, at home. Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, 427-7551.

David Houser, 96, of Benton Harbor, died Jan. 20, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Maryann Houser, 88, of Benton Harbor, died Jan. 19, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Scott A. Kerns, 60, of Elkhart, Ind., formerly of Baroda, died Jan. 17, 2020, at Franciscan Health Indianapolis. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Ronald McKenzie, 83, of Kalamazoo died Jan. 18, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Avondre Jordell Sanders, 1, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 5, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Sally Jo Westlake, 83, of Eau Claire, died Jan. 20, 2020, at home. Heritage Chapel & Cremation Services, Berrien Springs, 471-2700.

Lois B. Wilson, 91, of Niles, died Jan. 17, 2020, at West Woods of Niles. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Elsie Mildred (Horak) Zabel, 86, of Three Oaks died Jan. 17, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Glenn Zerler, 82, died Jan. 18, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Scott A. Kerns

Feb. 20, 1959 – Jan. 17, 2020

Scott A. Kerns, 60, of Elkhart, Ind., formerly of Baroda, passed away, Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, at Franciscan Health Indianapolis.

A celebration of life visitation will be from 4-6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Memorials donations in Scott's name can be made to the APFED (American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders).

Those wishing to sign Scott's memory book can do so online at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Scott was born Feb. 20, 1959, in Chicago to Bobby & Nadine Kerns. He graduated from River Valley High School in 1977.

Scott entered the U.S. Navy and served four years aboard the USS Enterprise. Upon discharge, he entered the U.S. Army, and served more than five years during Operation Desert Storm.

Scott was employed for the last 10 years as a foreman at OBR Cooling Towers in Rossford, Ohio.

He was a member of the Baroda American Legion and a life member of the National Rifle Association. In his free time, he enjoyed the outdoors, especially deer hunting, and bonfires on the river bank with family and friends.

Scott is survived by two sons, Nicholas Scott (Mandey Green) Kerns of Elkhart, Kyle (Andrea Whitman) Kerns of St. Joseph; six grandchildren, Leigha Whitman, Ara, Koen and Kane Kerns, Ella and Ellie Kerns; his father, Bobby Kerns of Bridgman; his siblings, Sherry Winston of Port St. John, Fla., Karen (Roger) Thomas of South Bend, Ind., Bill Kerns of Bridgman; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Nadine; and a brother-in-law, Charles Winston.

Manuel Estrada

July 15, 1931 – Jan. 15, 2020

Manuel Estrada, 88, of Weslaco, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020. Manuel was born July 15, 1931 in Mexico.

Manuel is survived by daughters, Concepcion (Luis) Figueroa, Lucia (Javier) Hernandez, Josefina (Jim) Hutchins, Teresa Estrada, Angelina (Octavio) Villanueva; sons, Toribio (Wendy) Estrada and Victor (Chely) Estrada; 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Manuel was preceded in death by his wife, Fidencia Estrada; and daughter, Angelina Estrada.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hartford, where the Mass of Christian burial to honor Manuel's memory will be celebrated at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020, with Father German Perez-Diaz serving as officiant.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Manuel's name can be made to the family.

The family has entrusted Calvin Funeral Home in Hartford, with arrangements.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family can do so online at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Audrey Eleanor Myers

Feb. 19, 1923 – Jan. 18, 2020

Audrey Eleanor Myers, 96, of Bridgman passed away on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020, at her home in the care of her family.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, at the Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman. Friends can meet with the family from 10-11 a.m. Friday, prior to the service.

Burial with military rites will be at Graceland Cemetery in Bridgman.

Memorial contributions can be made to Caring Circle – Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Send flowers to the family and share condolences online at www.PikeFH.com.

Audrey was born Feb. 19, 1923, in Toronto, the daughter of the late Walter and Alma (Cain) Cousins.

Audrey was a veteran, and served her country in the U.S. Navy. On May 28, 1982, she married Nyle G. Myers. He preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 1997.

Audrey was the first female commander of American Legion Posts 364 (Dearborn) and 331 (Bridgman), and the Allied War Vets Council. She was also a member of the DAV, Waves National, 40/8 Women's 20/4, the Moose Lodge and the American Legion Riders.

Survivors include her children, Thomas (Mary Jane) Cobb, David (Serena) Cobb and MarieLyn Gunkel; seven grandchildren, Michael (April) Brown, Richard (Jennifer) Brown, Kerri Cobb, Ray Turner, Nikki Blumka, Justin (Shauna) Cobb and Kristie (Carey) Tilley; 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; and stepbrother, Arnold J. Lane.

Audrey was preceded in death by a daughter, Normalee Brown; grandson, Lonnie Cobb; and stepsister, Myrtle Evans.

Sally Jo Westlake

April 22, 1936 – Jan. 20, 2020

Sally Jo Westlake, 83, of Eau Claire, passed away on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, at home.

A celebration of life service will be at noon Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020, at Heritage Chapel, 8747 U.S. 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Visitation will be held one hour prior, from 11 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date in Shanghai Memorial, Pipestone Township.

Memorial contributions can be made to Caring Circle – Hospice.

Sally was born April 22, 1936, to Carl and Flowella (Gaude) VanTilburg in Elkhart, Ind. On Jan. 24, 1953, she married Howard "Buck" Westlake. He preceded her in death in 2013.

Sally worked at Eau Claire Public Schools as a cook for many years, eventually retiring. She loved working at the school and interacting with the children. Most of all, Sally cherished time spent with her family and treating them to home-cooked meals.

Sally is survived by her children, Mike (Lori) Westlake, Barry (Carla) Westlake and Pamela (Pat) Ferguson; sister, Betty Dickey; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She also was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Flowella VanTilburg; and grandson, Daniel Kasun.

Donald Lester Grier

Aug. 22, 1932 – Jan. 17, 2020

Donald Lester Grier, 87, of Bangor, passed away Jan. 17, 2020, at his home surrounded by family.

Don was born Aug. 22, 1932, in Albion, Mich., the son of Ken and Elizabeth (Hoag) Grier. He grew up in Michigan, Ohio and New York, graduated from Highland Park (Mich.) High School in 1950, and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Brilliant, curious and self-taught, Don was a tireless tinkerer, a pilot, a musician and a lover of technology. He was employed variously as a jeweler, an appliance repair technician, an accountant and a purchasing manager, before retiring from Epworth Manufacturing in 1995.

Those who knew Don loved him for his quick wit, his peaceful, gentle nature, and his abiding faith. He was a longtime member and quiet, effective leader at First Congregational Church in Bangor.

Surviving are Don's wife, Jane Bruce (Randall) Grier; two daughters, Stephanie (Dyck) Van Koevering and Michelle (Greg) Charles; and four grandchildren. Don also is survived by his brothers, David Grier of South Haven and John (Patricia) Grier of Woburn, Mass. He was blessed to be part of a large extended family whose love follows him into the Lord's embrace.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, at First Congregational Church, Bangor.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to First Congregational Church, Bangor.

Avondre Jordell Sanders

Dec. 24, 2018 – Jan. 5, 2020

Avondre Jordell Sanders, 1, of Benton Harbor passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Services celebrating his life will be on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 1105 E. Main St., Benton Harbor. Visitation will be at 10 a.m., with funeral services following at 11 a.m. Pastor Carlton Lynch will officiate.

Avondre was born Dec. 24, 2018, in St. Joseph to Antionette Williams and the late Aundre "Tune" Sanders.

He was preceded in death by his father, Aundre; and his grandfather, Antwan Williams.

"Baby Tune" was a smart and happy baby. He was very curious, and ahead of his time. He loved phones, joy sticks, basketball, candy and dancing. His little life, though very brief, was so full of love and joy. He will truly be missed.

Avondre will forever be remembered in the hearts of his loving mother, Antionette; brother, Aundre Sanders; grandmothers, Wanda Favorite and Pakita Buchanan; aunt, Te'Qulia Favorite; uncles, Travis Favorite, Deshawn Brister and Samarion Williams; special aunts, Denise Johnson, Shanice Broadway; godmothers, Jamisha Crafton, Ashley Washington and Kalisha Pierce; and a host of great-aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends.

Patrick Joseph Murphy

Dec. 19, 1938 – Jan. 8, 2020

Patrick Joseph Murphy, 81, of Anaheim, Calif., passed away Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020, at his home.

He was cared for during his struggle with cancer by his dear friends, Charles and Kay Collins, and his niece, Mary Celeste. As his cancer progressed, the Marine in him came out. He refused medical procedures and painkillers.

He relied on fresh juices, holistic remedies and Ensure. When asked what he hoped to accomplish, he replied, "I'll fight my battle my way." End of story.

Pat was born Dec. 19, 1938, in Chicago, to John L. and Rose Ann Murphy. He graduated from Lake Michigan Catholic High School in 1957. Following graduation, he became a U.S. Marine stationed in California.

He fell in love with California, and his bride of 53 years, Catherine Donahue. They made their home in Anaheim, where Pat became a police officer for the city of Anaheim, while Cathy became a school teacher.

Pat enjoyed weightlifting, racquetball, handball and tennis, and had a passion for body surfing. He took on all challengers, regardless of their age, until his health starting failing him in his late 70s.

His bride preceded him in death in 2015. Also preceding him were his mother, father and brother, Mike. He leaves behind his brother, John (Jean) Murphy; and many nieces and nephews.

A private family inurnment service will be at a time and place yet to be decided.

Glenn Zerler

Glenn Zerler, 82, passed away at 7:23 a.m., Jan. 18, 2020, with his wife, Kathy, and his longtime caregiver, Marcia Grajauskis, at his bedside.

Glenn was a traveler with an incomparable wanderlust. He loved Lake Michigan and the West Basin Marina, where he served on the Recreational Harbor Authority. He was skillful piloting his boats along the shores of the Great Lakes, through the intercoastal waterways, and up into Canada's North Channel. He collected cars, kept them in pristine condition, and won awards at car shows. He loved to fly.

In his 30-year career at Whirlpool, Glenn traveled nationally and internationally. As he flew over this country, he decided to retire early and visit every state in America and every province in Canada. He made that promise a reality, bought a motor coach, and with Kathy as navigator, they traveled for 25 years, taking their beloved dogs with them, and spending time in every national park.

Glenn was known for his wit, good humor, reading and listening to the news, and passionately caring for the people and animals he loved. He earned a bachelor's degree in business from Michigan State University.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years; brothers-in-law, Gary (Pat) and David Schultz; sister-in-law, Karen Schultz; special sisters, Jennifer Schultz and Eleanor Marquis; nephew, Jeff; and nieces, Erin, Jenny, Ericka, Abigail, Nora and Lena Kathryn.

He was preceded by his parents, Frieda (Klemm) and Irvin Zerler; and his sister, Joan.

Glenn's funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24 at First Congregational Church, 2001 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, with Pastor Jeffrey Hubers officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23 at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Private burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Glenn's name to Caring Circle's Hospice Services, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph.

Those wishing to leave a condolence online can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

The Rev. Robert Weikart will celebrate his 25th year as a minister this weekend. He has been pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph since 1990. Church members, family and friends are honoring Weikart at a banquet today, as well as during the morning services Sunday. He is also administrative pastor of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Brighton, Mich.

35 years ago – 1985

Vicki Noll, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Noll of St. Joseph, and a senior at St. Joseph High School, was crowned Miss St. Joseph 1985. Selected from a field of 23 contestants, she would like to major in business administration in college and eventually work in the travel and tourism field. Paula Tomasini was first runner-up, and Marsha Ann Mahon was second runner-up.

50 years ago – 1970

No one is quite sure who is heading up Hartford city government. Ray Knapp, elected as mayor in November, is vacationing in Arizona for two months. Edison Harley, a veteran councilman, had been appointed mayor pro-tem, but he died last week. At Knapp's request, John Laman, a former mayor, agreed to take on the duties of major pro-tem, but nothing ever was made official by his fellow councilmen. The appointment of a mayor pro-tem is in limbo pending the council's next meeting.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2020. There are 345 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On Jan. 21, 1861, Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and four other Southerners whose states had seceded from the Union resigned from the U.S. Senate.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1908, New York City's Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance prohibiting women from smoking in public establishments (the measure was vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr., but not before one woman, Katie Mulcahey, was jailed overnight for refusing to pay a fine).

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In 1950, former State Department official Alger Hiss, accused of being part of a Communist spy ring, was found guilty in New York of lying to a grand jury. (Hiss, who proclaimed his innocence, served less than four years in prison.)

In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton, Connecticut (however, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later).

In 1976, British Airways and Air France inaugurated scheduled passenger service on the supersonic Concorde jet.

In 1977, on his first full day in office, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Isolated Snow	Scattered Rain	Rain & Snow Possible
31°	25°	34° / 24°	36° / 28°	37° / 27°	38° / 30°

Local Outlook

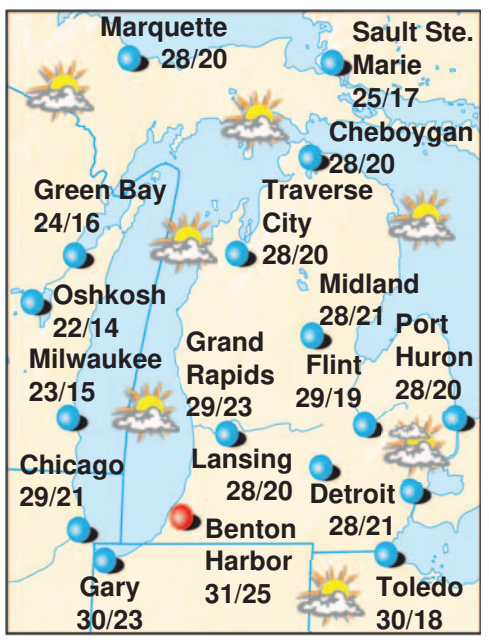
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 31°, humidity of 68%. West southwest wind 6 to 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 25°. South southwest wind 6 to 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 15°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:08 a.m.
Sunset	5:45 p.m.
Moonrise	5:24 a.m.
Moonset	2:54 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
1/24	2/1	2/9	2/15

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	27°
Low	18°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	59° in 1999
Record Low	-4° in 2008

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	3.51"
Normal for month	1.09"
Year to date	3.51"
Normal Year to date	1.09"

Air Quality

Yesterday 59

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

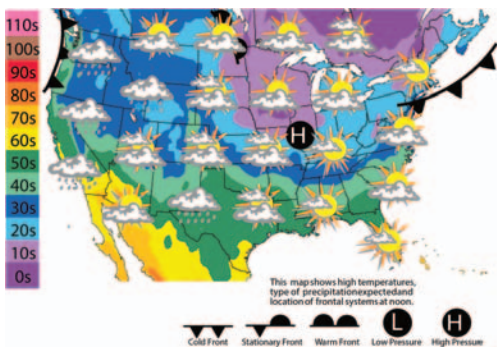
Weather Trivia

The slow sinking of air associated with high pressure is known as?

Answer: Subsidence.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 21, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, WNW wind 10 to 12 kt. Partly sunny. Waves 2 to 3 ft. Water temperature 37 degrees. Tonight, SSW wind 12 to 15 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves around 3 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 20s. West southwest wind 9 to 18 mph. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s. Southwest wind 10 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 20s and 30s. West southwest wind 6 to 10 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 30s. South wind 10 to 14 mph.

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requirement. There is no requirement to talk about suicide awareness and suicide prevention. Yet, we believe that it should be," John Urso said.

Michigan only has the Chase Edwards Law, which "encourages" schools to provide age-appropriate instruction for students and professional development for staff on the warning signs and risk factors for suicide and depression and the protective factors that help prevent suicide.

Mental health fire drills

Stephanie Lange, a social worker at Dakota High School in Macomb Township, created a 45-minute classroom presentation on suicide awareness and prevention for freshmen, who experience the one-time course during their English class.

Lange, a speaker at the School Summit, says her interactive, game-based program can be duplicated and used by any other school in the state. In fact, she will give it away to any district that wants it.

"I'm at the largest high school in the state with 3,000 students," she said. "If I am able to figure this out in the largest high school in Michigan, nobody has any excuses."

In her class, Lange uses the online platform Kahoot to ask students to take multiple-choice quizzes about suicide and mental health on their smartphones.

Students' answers are anonymously displayed on a screen in class in real time so students and Lange can talk about the results.

"It opens up the door for questions for the classroom to have a discussion," Lange said. "It takes the pulse of the entire classroom. ... We work on stigma and talk about how common mental health issues are."

Another portion of Lange's class is a "mental health fire drill." Lange says she asks students to think about their K-12 experience with fire drills in school.

"I ask them, 'Since you've been coming to school, how often do you do a fire drill, why do you go outside, why is it important to do it?'" she said.

"Then we talk about how one in six kids is talking about suicide, but we never talk about this. Probably one of you is going to consider suicide, and we never had a plan in place."

Lange then has the students write down the names of three adults they can talk to about themselves, or a friend who may be thinking about suicide. She also gives them a card with instructions to give an adult who can help someone who's struggling.

"This literally takes 30 seconds of your life," she tells students. "You need a plan; you don't want to wait until you are in a crisis."

Lake Orion Community Schools began addressing the mental health of its students in a more serious way more than a decade ago after at least 11 students and former students died by suicide within a five-year period.

The Oakland County district built a schoolwide mental health approach that reaches across grades, ages, genders and economic status. It hosts an annual event called Real Talk at which students and adult volunteers gather for a day of open dialogue and discussion around mental health.

The district also created the Students Offering Support organization and a Bully Busters program that helps younger students.

Last fall, the district dedicated an entire week to mental health. The program, called U Matter Week, included a day when students discussed signs of depression, how to look for signs that someone is thinking of suicide, what to say to someone in crisis and how to seek help.

"The idea is to spread mental health awareness among our students by getting the facts out there and giving students tools to support one another, identify when we or others might be in crisis and need help, and get tools to help take care our ourselves and others," district spokesman Mark Snyder said.

Detroit district acts

Suicide rates among African American teens, especially girls, have skyrocketed since 2001, with Michigan having the seventh-highest rate of suicide among African American teens according to a study, "The Changing Characteristics of African American Adolescent Suicides, 2001-2017."

In the Detroit Public Schools Community District, where 82 percent of students are African American, officials are assembling behavioral and mental health teams for schools as part of a $5 million partnership and pilot program with the University of Michigan and Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network.

Part of the money comes from UM's TRAILS program, which stands for Transforming Research into Action to Improve the Lives of Students. It will fund a dedicated in-school behavioral health team at three high schools – Cody, East English Village Preparatory and Pershing – and at three elementary schools – Dixon, Mason and Ronald Brown.

The team will include a school social worker, counselor, community-based mental health provider/behavioral health therapist and a nurse. Families will have access to screenings and therapy and team staff will be trained in methods to identify behavioral health conditions, respond to mental health crises and use evidence-based strategies to reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression.

District superintendent Nikolai Vitti said teachers have been demanding trauma-informed care for their students and the district can finally address the issue through the grant. Teams should be ready in the spring to start helping students and their families, he said.

"This grant starts the process of building an integrated system of support and care for students where we properly apply real-time screenings, intervention and support on school campuses to our families and students," Vitti said.

Since 2016, the district has hired 63 additional full-time guidance counselors and 44 additional social workers to further support behavioral and mental health services for students.

Vitti said the district has no specific suicide prevention program at the moment but does offer information on warning signs and provides phone numbers to call for help.

Gabriella Monacelli, a senior at Cousino High School in Warren, says teens face stress from school, social media posts and constant questions from adults about their future.

"It's not easy," she said of being a teen."First, there is social media, which is just horrible. Then in high school, you have to worry about what you want to do with your life when you're done and where you want to go to school. You have to worry about your future in those four years and it's a lot of pressure."

People are asking Monacelli all the time what the 18-year-old wants to do with her life after high school.

"And I don't have an answer," she said.

'Culture of safety'

Asked about the state's approach to K-12 suicide prevention education, Michigan superintendent of instruction Michael Rice said schools play a role in creating a safe learning environment for students by maintaining strong anti-bullying policies, partnering with programs, such as OK2SAY, and providing integrated mental health supports.

"Schools can help facilitate a culture of safety, support and engagement with students and families. This will have the largest positive impact," he said.

Nancy Buyle, a school safety/student assistance consultant with the Macomb Intermediate School District, said organizations like Kevin's Song want to help schools and the public understand the urgent need for suicide prevention education.

"The best way to do that is have suicide prevention," she said. "Schools need people who are willing take on this cause. And I think Kevin's Song has the reach, the clout and the people behind it to do what the schools can't do."

Buyle, who provides suicide education materials to districts in Macomb County, says schools are inundated with demands from the state, but suicide education and prevention can and must be taught.

"We have 300 schools in Macomb County. I can't tell you whether they are doing something formal. I can with great confidence tell you that every counselor and social worker are familiar with suicide prevention and have training."

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Athlete Spotlight

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Bridgman's Hunter Adams has come back from an ACL tear.

Hunter Adams:

Bridgman senior overcomes injuries to make impact on court

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Writer

For many people, an ACL tear is an injury that you never return from.

For those who do rehab their way back, very few of them had torn both ACLs in two totally different accidents. So was the case for Bridgman's Hunter Adams.

Then a junior, Adams tore his left ACL during football season. After a speedy turnaround to get back from the injury, Adams returned for his junior campaign on the basketball court, only to have that season also cut short with a tear to his right ACL.

Adams, now a senior, is back and fully healthy for the Bees.

In the fall, he helped guide Bridgman to an 8-1 record in their inaugural eight-man football season at the quarterback position.

He's also helped the Bees' basketball team get out to a 7-3 start.

"His doctor, his surgeon and his physical therapist, who we spoke to after the injuries happened, they said they've never had a young man that dedicated work that hard to get back for athletics," Bridgman basketball coach Mike Miller said. "I have never seen an athlete work that hard, grueling weight room-by-yourself-type hours, to get back for high school athletics.

"It just shows so much about his character, how much he cares about his teammates, his work ethic and his competitiveness."

Before his injuries during his junior year, Adams set a pair of Bridgman school rebounding records as a sophomore. He currently holds records for most rebounds in a single game (25), as well as the single-season rebounding mark (283). Adams ended the season averaging nearly 18 rebounds and 14 points per game.

Miller said it's possible Adams could again set his own record.

"He's averaging 19 rebounds per game, which is unbelievable," Miller said. "He's on pace to break his own record and we're (10) games into the season. It's definitely not off base."

Outside of basketball and football, Adams is also a first baseman on the baseball team. He said he hopes to play college athletics after gradating from Bridgman in the spring.

Wherever he attends college, he said he plans to study exercise science. Currently, Adams carries a 3.3 GPA in the classroom.

What was your motivation to return from your injuries?

My motivation was to prove everybody wrong. It was kind of like a freak accident. I was born with small ACLs that couldn't grow to my body, and the doctor said he was so surprised that it took me this long to tear my ACLs. I was told that I could not play (my senior) year. I was just motivated to prove everybody wrong that I was going to play.

How does a pair of injuries like that affect you mentally?

It was really hard. There were days that I was just down. There were other days that I was better, but I was still down, because I didn't understand at the time. I always heard that if you tear your ACL, it's like the worst ever and you'll never recover, but then going through it, it just changed my whole mindset. I went to a therapist in La Porte, and she said that it doesn't matter with an ACL what you are, it matters how much time you put back into it. I just wanted to show everybody that tearing your ACL isn't the end of the world.

What was it like to set a school record as a sophomore?

It was a huge deal for me. When I was a freshman, I was on varsity and I started, but I was more of a role player and not as big of a threat. As a sophomore I had more of a chip on my shoulder. I wanted to be the best player and the best rebounder. Coach Miller has this thing where if you get 20 rebounds in a game, he'll buy you a steak dinner. My freshman year I never got it. As a sophomore I said, 'I'm going to do it this year,' and I ended up doing it twice.

Where did your love of sports come from?

My parents were both athletes all throughout high school. My mom played at LMC. She played volleyball, and my dad played at LMC for baseball and then transferred to Eastern (Michigan University). So ever since I was younger I was raised to play sports. I've always loved playing the game. All of them that I play, sports are just fun.

Do you have a favorite sport, and why?

My favorite sport is football. I just like the adrenaline and everything about it. It's just so much fun.

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St. Joseph swimmers win Bridgman Invitational

Bears rely on depth to beat host Bees, South Haven

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

BRIDGMAN — St. Joseph and Bridgman each won four individual boys swimming events at Saturday's Bridgman Invitational, but depth made the difference for the Bears.

St. Joseph won all three relays and consistently placed more swimmers to easily win the three-team meet with 553 points. Bridgman was second with 303 and South Haven third at 148.

"It helps a lot, especially in an invitational meet like this," St. Joseph coach Tim Straub said. "I think they score out to about 12 (places), so with as many swimmers as we have compared to the other teams, it really helps us out.

St. Joseph was led by Ayden Moyer, who won both the 50 freestyle (23.16) and 100 butterfly (58.65), and swam on the winning 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams.

Luke Crawford took first in the 100 backstroke (1:01.64) and Jacob Maynard won diving (348.90). Jacob Haunhorst, Brandon Burrow, Troy Burrow and Andrew Moyer each swam on two of the three winning relay teams.

Despite all the victories, Straub singled out a second-place finish as one of the Bears' best performances. Jonah Cox placed second in the 500 freestyle at 5:13.91, just behind Bridgman's Johnathan Plisow (5:11.65). Cox's time qualified him for the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association meet.

"He hasn't been challenged," Straub said. "He'd swam that 500 a couple times, but there wasn't really anyone to push him. It was good to see someone push him, and he really did well. That was probably our biggest race of the day."

Plisow also easily won the 200 freestyle with a time

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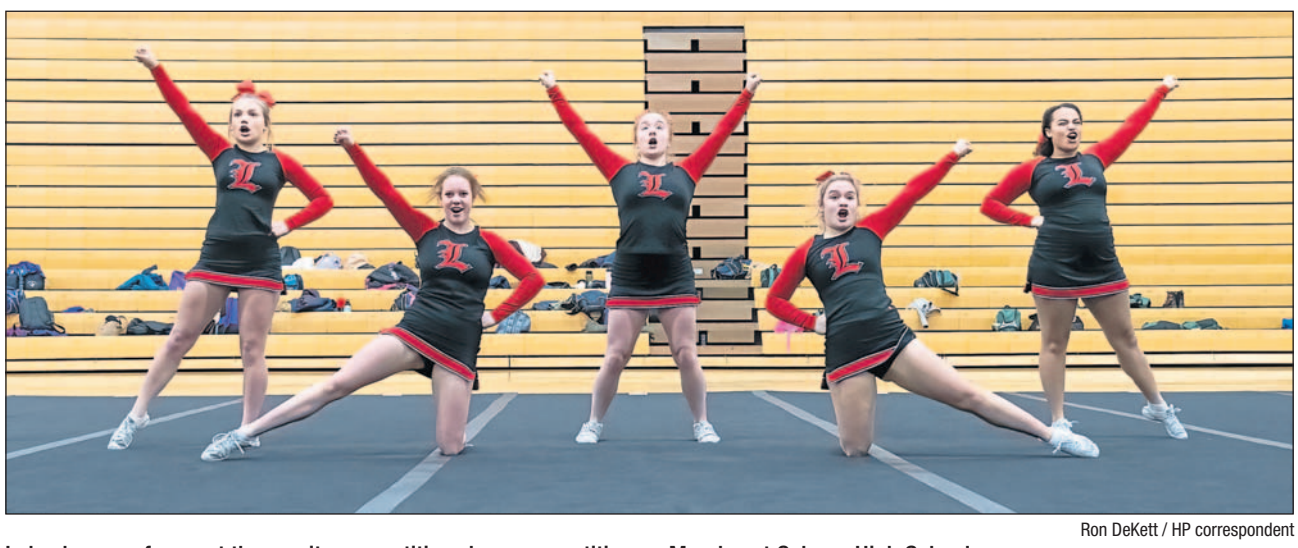
Ron DeKett / HP Correspondent

St. Joseph's Jacob Maynard includes a somersault in his dive during Saturday's Bridgman Invitational

Lancers shine



Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Lakeshore performs at the varsity competitive cheer competition on Monday at Coloma High School.

Lakeshore cheer team wins division, earns top score at Coloma Invitational

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

COLOMA – The Lakeshore competitive cheer team's promise was on full display at Monday's Coloma Invitational.

The Lancers took first place in the Division 2 competition with a score of 621.3, the highest score of the seven varsity teams at the event.

"We're getting there," Lakeshore coach Michelle Galla said. "It's been a rebuilding season for us; we lost a lot of seniors from last year and have a lot of kids who have never cheered before. They're getting there, though, so we're moving up. I think they've been working hard as a team and are encouraging each other.

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Lake Michigan Catholic participates in the competitive cheer competition on Monday, at Coloma High School.

"We're changing things every single day. I'm proud of them for being able to perform under that stress."

Coloma won Division 3 with a score of 618.28 and Lake Michigan Catholic took first in Division 4 with a 613.2. South Haven (604.52) placed second in Division 3 and Dowagiac (494.62) third, while Hartford (583.9) finished second in Division 4.

With a cheerleader unable

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Lakeshore wrestling suffers first dual loss

Lancers go 3-1 at own Super Duals, but beaten by Rockford

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

STEVENSVILLE — Lakeshore's rated wrestling team got a wake-up call here Saturday.

Coach Bruce Bittenbender's Lancers, rated No. 7 in Division 2, suffered their first dual meet loss of the season at the hands of Rockford at the annual Lakeshore Super Duals.

Rockford, rated No. 7 in D1, thumped the Lancers 46-22 to improve to 15-1. Lakeshore fell to 11-1.

"They matched up well against us. They were tough where we were tough and they beat some of our tough kids," said Bittenbender. "This time of the season, the kids got to realize there have to work harder. Rockford's a darn good team.

"But that's why you wrestle tough competition, to realize when you start getting lazy or you think you're on the top somebody knocks you off," added Bittenbender, whose squad beat Rockford the past two years to win the Super Duals. "You've got to get back on the pull-up bar and work harder."

"We gained a measure of revenge today, but we always enjoy the competition here," noted Brian Richardson, Rockford coach and former Lakeshore wrestler.

St. Joseph and Dowagiac both finished 2-2, while Cedar Springs went 1-3 and Hudsonville 0-4.

Area matmen posting 4-0 records were Lakeshore's Jonathan Gelesko (11-2 at 125), Micah Hanau (22-1 at 135) and Zeke Rohl (19-4 at 215). As did St. Joseph's Nolan Wertanen (28-1 at 103), and Jake Halsey (27-2 at 130), plus unbeaten Dowagiac heavyweight Wyatt Bailey.. The Bears' Drake Collins was 3-0 at 189 to remain undefeated at 17-0.

Lakeshore's Shane Williams suffered his first loss of the season dropping a 7-5 decision to Rockford's Trenton Wachter, who scored a takedown in the closing seconds at 140. Williams, rated No. 2 in D2 at 135, is now 21-1. Wachter, rated No. 4 at 140 in D1, has only two

See **WRESTLE**, page B3

IN BRIEF

Antetokounmpo has triple-double, Bucks down Bulls 111-98

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks committed 23 turnovers — and won anyway.

Giannis Antetokounmpo and Co. finished strong on Monday.

Antetokounmpo had a triple-double and scored his 10,000th career point, and the Bucks beat the Chicago Bulls 111-98 to sweep the four-game season series.

Antetokounmpo had 28 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists for his fourth triple-double of the season. He reached 10,000 points on a jump hook with 4:30 remaining in the fourth.

But the reigning NBA MVP also committed eight turnovers. The Bulls scored 24 points off Milwaukee's miscues.

Zach LaVine had 24 points for Chicago, which shot just 37%. Kris Dunn scored 15 points, and reserve Thaddeus Young added 14 points.

LaVine has scored at least 20 points in 11 consecutive games.

MacKinnon reaches 30-goal mark, Avs beat Red Wings 6-3

DENVER (AP) — Nathan MacKinnon doesn't have to dig too deep to find a reason why he scores so much.

"I shoot a lot of pucks," the Colorado All-Star forward said.

Shoot, it's really not that easy.

MacKinnon scored twice to reach the 30-goal mark for a third straight season and the Avalanche beat the reeling Detroit Red Wings 6-3 on Monday.

The speedy forward joined Hall of Famer Joe Sakic as the only Avalanche players to record three straight seasons with at least 30 goals since the team relocated to Denver in 1995.

"I have a lot of help and it's nice to be on a really good team," MacKinnon said. "I think that makes it easy."

He wasn't the only one reaching a milestone. With a two-assist afternoon, Cale Makar has 37 points this season, which ties him with Bruce Bell for the Colorado/Quebec record for a rookie defenseman. Bell set his mark in 1984-85 with the Nordiques.

Nazem Kadri and MacKinnon scored 1:54 apart as the Avalanche were propelled by another second-period spurt. They also pulled away from the defending Stanley Cup champion St. Louis Blues with a middle-period flurry over the weekend.

Leading 2-1 early in the third, Kadri helped Colorado put the game out of reach when he and Matt Nieto scored within 53 seconds of each other. Ryan Graves added another goal late in the third and MacKinnon knocked in an empty-netter for his 30th.

Tyler Bertuzzi, Dylan Larkin and Givani Smith scored for Detroit, which has dropped five in a row (0-4-1). Larkin also had two assists.

Jimmy Howard made 40 saves in falling to 2-18-2.

Beal scores 29, Wizards beat Pistons 106-100

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rebuilding season for the Washington Wizards, coach Scott Brooks still closely monitors the standings, and while it's unlikely, he still believes his team has a chance to qualify for the playoffs.

The Wizards began the second half of the season by beating one of the teams ahead of them in the Eastern Conference. Bradley Beal scored 29 points, Ian Mahinmi added 21 and Washington broke a three-game losing streak with a 106-100 win over the Detroit Pistons on Monday.

Beal passed Wes Unseld for fourth place on the team's career scoring list.

Washington is 14-26, but the Brooklyn Nets, who hold the eighth spot in the East, are only 18-24 after their loss to Philadelphia on Monday. Chicago, Detroit and Charlotte are also ahead of Washington.

Derrick Rose led Detroit with 21 points while Andre Drummond had 18 points and 16 rebounds. Drummond had a season-high nine turnovers.

AIRWAVES

Television today

2:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic, Third Round. (Live) CC
2:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Chelsea FC vs Arsenal FC. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Georgia at Kentucky. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Teams TBA. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Maryland at Northwestern. (Live) CC
7:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Pittsburgh Penguins at Philadelphia Flyers. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Florida Panthers at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Nebraska at Wisconsin. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Miami at Duke. (Live)
(ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Second Round. (Live) CC
(FS1) **College Basketball** St. John's at Marquette. (Live) CC
3:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Second Round. (Live) CC

Wednesday

1:30 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic, Final Round. (Live) CC
2:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Manchester United FC vs Burnley FC. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Georgetown at Xavier. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Penn State at Michigan. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Philadelphia 76ers at Toronto Raptors. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Teams TBA. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Sacramento Kings at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Minnesota Timberwolves at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at Minnesota Wild. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Providence at Seton Hall. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Rutgers at Iowa. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Second Round. (Live) CC
9:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets at Houston Rockets. (Live)
11:00 p.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Omega Dubai Desert Classic, First Round. (Live)
3:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Second Round. (Live)

Radio today

7:15 p.m.
High school basketball — St. Joseph at Buchanan (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
High school basketball — South Haven at Benton Harbor (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

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Vekic beats 5-time major winner Sharapova at Australian Open

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Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Maria Sharapova hasn't won a tournament since 2017, and her ranking slipped to 136th by the end of last year.

After a 6-3, 6-4 loss to 19th-seeded Donna Vekic at the Australian Open on Tuesday, former No. 1-ranked Sharapova is on a run of three first-round exits at Grand Slam events.

The five-time major winner got into the main draw at Melbourne Park via a wild card granted by organizers, helped by the fact she won the 2008 title here. Drawing Vekic in the first round was tough.

The 32-year-old Russian has had a series of right shoulder injuries and also served a 15-month suspension for a positive doping test to meldonium. Since her return from the suspension, her best showing at a major has been the quarterfinals at the 2018 French Open.

She wasn't making any excuses.

"I mean, I think I'm not the only one – I can speak about my struggles and the things that I've gone through with my shoulder, but it's not really in my character to," Sharapova said.

She reached the fourth round in Australia last year, and her profile means she still gets a spot on center court. It was only Vekic's second time on Rod Laver Arena.

"'Ï always enjoy the big stages,"" Vekic said. ""I'm happy to leave with a win this time."

Johanna Konta, a 2016 Australian Open semifinalist, lost her first-round match to Ons Jabeur 6-4, 6-2. It was only her second match since she lost in the quarterfinals of last year's U.S. Open because of a tendinitis-related problem in her right knee.

The 12th-seeded Konta lost in the first round at the Brisbane International and then withdrew from the Adelaide International in an attempt to manage her injury. Even before she left for Australia, the British No. 1 told officials she wouldn't play Fed Cup this year.

Konta had always made at least the second round in four previous appearances in the main draw here. Still, she was upbeat after the loss.

"I think ultimately the main thing was to start playing again, and I am," she said. "And how I physically felt out there is obviously a massive tick for me compared to where I was in September of last year. Before Brisbane, I had been out for almost 4-1/2 months. So it's been quite a bit of time, not far off getting a protected ranking."

Jabeur said her goal this year is to make it into the top 20 – she's currently 78th – and to inspire other African Arab players to pick up the sport.

"It would be nice to see more of us out here on tour," Jabeur said.

After torrential rain hit Melbourne Park on Day 1, organizers had to move dozens of matches over to Tuesday.

Second-seeded Karolina Pliskova beat Kristina Mladenovic 6-1, 7-5 and sixth-seeded Belinda Bencic advanced 6-3, 7-5 over Anna Karolina Schmiedlova.

In a men's match suspended from Monday, 18-year-old Jannik Sinner completed a 7-6 (2), 6-2, 6-4 win over Australian qualifier Max Purcell, 2018 Australian Open finalist Marin Cilic beat Corentin Moutet 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

No. 12-seeded Fabio Fognini lost the first two sets Monday against Reilly Opelka but rallied Tuesday to win 3-6, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-3 7-6 (5), including the 10-point tiebreaker in the final set. Milos Raonic returned to play two games to finish off Lorenzo Giustino 6-2, 6-1, 6-3.

Sinner, the Next Gen ATP Finals champion, only had to win two games on Day 2 to complete his first match win at a Grand Slam event.

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Coloma competes in round one of the varsity competitive cheer competition on Monday at Coloma High School.

CHEER

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to participate due to illness, host Coloma reshuffled their routine and made it work to the tune of a first-place finish.

"We had to change some of our skills in round two (due to an illness)," Coloma coach Christin Smith said. "One of my girls performed some skills she just learned. That was a big bonus for our team."

St. Joseph finished second in Division 2 with a score of 546.7. The Bears had to adjust their routine on the fly after a cheerleader left the team.

"From having someone leave us to scrambling last minute to find out what we're going to do, they did really well," St. Joseph coach Brittany Hausmann said. "For a team that's rebuilding, we're just trying to improve our score week after week. That's what we're doing and I can't ask for more."

To compensate for the loss of a team member, the Bears went from two stunt groups in their routine to one stunt group.

"That changed the factor of our score but it put a lot of pressure on only four girls getting the points by themselves, but they were able to do it," Hausmann said.

With a win in hand, Lakeshore hopes Monday's win is a sign of good things to come.

"I hope it gives us some confidence," Galla said. "We're used to doing better as a program but nobody can win all the time. The returners have stepped up as leaders for us and it's really starting to show."

COLOMA INVITIATIONAL

Division 2 – Lakeshore 621.3 (200,158, 263.3), St. Joseph 546.7 (179.2,152.1,215.4).
Division 3 – Coloma 618.28 (200.6,166.48,251.2), South Haven 604.52 (186.9,157.32,260.3), Dowagiac 494.62 (179.1,121.12,194.4).
Division 4 – LM Catholic 613.2 (205.7,170.3,237.2), Hartford 583.9 (190,152.3,241.6).

BEARS

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of 1:55.87. He and Parker Roach were standouts for the Bees, as Roach won both the 200 individual medley (2:10.23) and 100 breaststroke (1:04.50).

Both swimmers are looking to qualify for the state meet – a challenge, as Bridgman's co-operative program has to compete in Division 1.

"D1 is tough," Bridgman coach Emily Nannfeldt said. "Considering where Parker Roach is right now, he has a chance to make state in the 100 breaststroke. I think John Plisow in the 500 free... he still has to drop like 16 seconds to make it, but he definitely has the will."

Ron DeKett / HP Correspondent

St. Joseph's Ayden Moyer competes in the 100-yard butterfly during Saturday's Bridgman Invitational.

Bridgman was without standout Matt Warner due to a shoulder injury.

"Overall the team has been doing really good," Nannfeldt said. "They're really pulling together to fill that gap (without Warner). He's super fast. We miss him, but that's the way it goes sometimes."

South Haven's only event winner was Vance Locker in the 100 freestyle (53.81). Rams coach Thomas Capps was pleased with how his team performed against tough competition.

"Coming into it, we knew that was it going to be a tough meet, so we were swimming for ourselves and swimming for our time," Capps said. "The 100 freestyle really showed out with Vance Locker, Ben Meyer and Jake Meyer. They all (posted personal records) for this season. Times are looking great."

Muskegon Mona Shores was also scheduled to participate, but did not make the trip due to the weather. Nannfeldt noted that the event had to be cancelled last year, and was unsure about Bridgman continuing to host it in mid-January.

"This is an invitational that's been going for many years, and I think it's lived its life, or we're going to move it," Nannfeldt said. "I think next year we're probably going to do it earlier, if teams are willing to come earlier."

The Bears and Bees will resume their local rivalry on Jan. 28 at St. Joseph.

"It's always fun," Straub said. "A lot of these boys know each other from either age-group swimming, or the YMCA. They've all competed against each other for years. They always really get up to swim against each other in this meet. I think with our numbers, we just kind of have an upper hand on that aspect, but they do have some really good swimmers on their team that give our swimmers fits."

BRIDGMAN INVITATIONAL

200 medley relay – St. Joseph (Brody Martin, Troy Burrow, Andrew Moyer, Ayden Moyer) 1:46.88; 200 freestyle – Johnathan Plisow (B) 1:55.87; 200 IM – Parker Roach (B) 2:10.23; 50 freestyle – Ayden Moyer (SJ) 23.16; diving – Jacob Maynard (SJ) 348.90; 100 butterfly – Ayden Moyer (SJ) 58.65; 100 freestyle – Vance Locker (SH) 53.81; 500 freestyle – Johnathan Plisow (B) 5:11.65; 200 free relay – St. Joseph (Jacob Haunhorst, Troy Burrow, Owen Faulkner, Brandon Burrow) 1:37.23; 100 backstroke – Luke Crawford (SJ) 1:01.64; 100 breaststroke – Parker Roach (B) 1:04.50; 400 free relay – St. Joseph (Ayden Moyer, Jacob Haunhorst, Brandon Burrow, Andrew Moyer) 3:34.11.

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SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL

WILDLIFE SENIORS – Dan Symonds 686, Randy Newboles 664, Andy Stansberry Sr. 630, Jill Wilkins 621 (222), Paul Goodman 621, Linda Dockham 565, Nancy Pinkerton 493, Gladys Hunter 490.
SUNDAY MILLER LITE MIX – Mark Pullins 623, Justin Wade 623 (264), Ken Berry Jr. 610, Emily Rietz 522.
FRIDAY NITE MIXED – Aaron Collins 670 (226), Dan Zimmerman 651 (226), Larry Schutt 617 (246), Nate Doroh 614 (212), Scott Zuhl 607 (235), Kristine Mahler 551 (188). Team scores: Fro's Pro's 2343 (808), Strokers 2240 (766), Regulators 2145 (780).
LAKESHORE LASSIES – Di Evans 671 (247), Nicki Brose 661 (232), Tricia Morris 651 (256), Karyn Fricke 636 (238), Brandy Antonowitsch 578 (233), Sheryl Dickenson 556 (236), Jenny Bradford 553 (216). Team scores: Bowling Bestie 1,109, Nash-Fricke (417).

AREA SCHEDULE

Today

Boys basketball

Edwardsburg at Lakeshore, 7
South Haven at Benton Harbor, 7
Cassopolis at Dowagiac, 7:15
St. Joseph at Buchanan, 7:30
Plainwell at Berrien Springs, 7:30
New Buffalo at Brandywine, 7:30
Decatur at Bloomingdale, 7:30
Eau Claire at Bangor, 7:30
Hartford at White Pigeon, 7:30

Girls basketball

South Haven at Benton Harbor, 5:30
Edwardsburg at Lakeshore, 5:45
New Buffalo at Brandywine, 6
Berrien Springs at St. Joseph, 7
River Valley at Bridgman, 7:30
Watervliet at Lake Michigan Catholic, 7:30
Bloomingdale at Decatur, 7:30
Bangor at Eau Claire, 7:30
White Pigeon at Hartford, 7:30

Boys swimming

South Haven at Sturgis, 6
Competitive cheer
Bloomingdale, Hartford, White Pigeon at Coloma, 6

Wednesday

Boys basketball

Lawrence at Decatur, 7:30

Wrestling

Portage Central at St. Joseph, 6
Portage Northern at Lakeshore, 6
Niles at Mattawan, 6
Three Rivers, Sturgis at Dowagiac, 6
South Haven, Plainwell at Vicksburg, 5:30
Coloma, Gobles, Fennville at Watervliet, 6
Buchanan, Brandywine, Lawrence at Berrien Springs, 6
River Valley, Parchment at Comstock, 6
Decatur, Cassopolis, Centreville at White Pigeon, 6
Hartford at Eau Claire, 6

Competitive cheer

Berrien Springs, Bridgman, Buchanan, Lake Michigan Catholic at Lawrence, 6
Dowagiac, South Haven at Paw Paw, 6

College basketball

LMC women at Ancilla College, 5:30
LMC men at Ancilla College, 7:30

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Michigan prep girls basketball poll

The top 10 teams in the Michigan Associated Press high school basketball poll, with records in parentheses. Totals are based on 15 points for a first-place vote, 14 for second,etc.:

Division 1

School	Total	Points
1. Hartland (3)	(8-0)	72
2. East Lansing (1)	(8-1)	69
3. Hudsonville (1)	(9-0)	65
4. Farmington Hills Mercy	(10-0)	60
5. Bloomfield Hills Marian	(8-1)	53
6. Grosse Pointe South	(8-1)	41
7. East Grand Rapids	(9-1)	38
8. Flint Carman Ainsworth	(10-0)	35
9. Midland	(10-0)	34
10. Macomb Dakota	(9-1)	29

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Detroit Renaissance 25, Port Huron 20, Rockford 20, Brighton 12.

Division 2

School	Total	Points
1. Detroit Edison(DEPSA) (5)	(9-0)	75
2. Three Rivers	(8-0)	68
3. Parma Western	(9-1)	61
4. Chelsea	(8-1)	56
5. Grand Rapids Christian	(8-1)	54
6. Portland	(9-1)	46
7. Menominee	(9-0)	45
8. Cadillac	(8-0)	44
9. Tecumseh	(8-1)	27
10. Bay City John Glenn	(8-2)	25

Others receiving 12 or more votes: **Niles 20**, Williamston 19.

Division 3

School	Total	Points
1. Grass Lake (5)	(10-1)	75
2. Pewamo-Westphalia	(7-2)	67
3. Byron	(9-0)	61
4. Centreville	(10-0)	47
5. Kent City	(8-1)	45
(tie) Lake City	(9-1)	45
7. Flint Hamady	(8-1)	42
8. Manton	(10-1)	38
9. Brandywine	**(9-0)**	**35**
10. Springport	(8-1)	23

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Maple City Glen Lake 19, Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory 17, Ithaca 13, Morley-Stanwood 13.

Division 4

School	Total	Points
1. Adrian Lenawee Chr. (4)	(7-1)	60
2. Pittsford	(11-0)	54
3. St. Ignace LaSalle	(7-1)	53
4. Bellaire	(9-0)	48
5. Kingston	(9-0)	41
6. Martin	(10-0)	30
(tie) MT Pleasant Sac Heart	(10-0)	30
8. Pickford	(10-1)	25
9. Felch North Dickinson	(8-1)	24
10. St. Joseph Mich. Lutheran(9-0)		**22**

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Ewen-Trout Creek 21, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 20.

Michigan prep boys basketball poll

The top 10 teams in the Michigan Associated Press high school basketball poll, with records in parentheses. Totals are based on 15 points for a first-place vote, 14 for second,etc.:

Division 1

School	Total	Points
1. Orchard Lake St. Mary's (5)	(8-0)	75
2. Clarkston	(8-1)	68
3. River Rouge	(8-1)	66
4. Ypsilanti Lincoln	(5-1)	60
5. Detroit Cass Tech	(8-1)	53
6. Ann Arbor Huron	(8-0)	52
7. Muskegon	(4-1)	40
8. Hudsonville	(8-0)	39
9. Mount Pleasant	(8-0)	28
10. Detroit King	(9-2)	25

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Waterford Mott 23, Grand Blanc 13.

Division 2

School	Total	Points
1. Grand Rapids Christian (2)	(8-0)	57
2. Williamston (2)	(8-1)	52
3. Bridgeport	(8-0)	51
4. Grand Rapids Catholic	(7-1)	50
5. Benton Harbor	(8-1)	46
6. Clio	(9-0)	42
7. Detroit Douglass	(8-2)	34
(tie) Goodrich	(8-0)	34
9. Ionia	(8-0)	24
10. Croswell-Lexington	(8-1)	23

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Cadillac 19, Ferndale 15, Hudsonville Unity Christian 13.

Division 3

School	Total	Points
1. Flint Beecher (3)	(7-1)	73
2. Iron Mountain (2)	(7-0)	69
3. Detroit Edison PSA	(4-2)	51
4. Hanover-Horton	(6-1)	46
(tie) Schoolcraft	(8-0)	46
6. Ravenna	(8-0)	41
6. Detroit Loyola	(8-1)	41
8. Oscoda	(7-0)	40
9. Pewamo-Westphalia	(6-1)	38
10. Maple City Glen Lake	(6-1)	27

Others receiving 12 or more votes: McBain 24, Negaunee 22, **Brandywine 22**, Potterville 19, Morley-Stanwood 13.

Division 4

School	Total	Points
1. Southfield Christian (4)	(6-2)	60
2. Kingston	(8-0)	54
3. Dollar Bay	(8-0)	53
4. Pellston	(8-0)	49
5. Frankfort-Elberta	(6-1)	39
6. Hillsdale Academy	(8-1)	35
7. Rudyard	(8-1)	34
8. Mio Au Sable	(6-1)	29
9. Hale	(7-1)	27
10. Flint International	(6-1)	21

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Pickford 15, Camden-Frontier 13.

Basketball standings
Through Saturday's games

BOYS
SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
West Division

	Div	Overall
Lakeshore	2-0	6-0
Portage Central	2-0	6-0
St. Joseph	1-1	2-5
Niles	1-1	2-5
Portage Northern	0-2	2-4
Mattawan	0-2	0-6

East Division

	Div	Overall
Kal. Central	3-0	5-2
Gull Lake	2-0	4-3
BC Lakeview	0-1	5-2
BC Central	0-2	2-6
Kal. Loy Norrix	0-2	2-7

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE
North Division

	Div	Overall
Otsego	1-0	7-1
South Haven	1-1	4-3
Paw Paw	1-1	4-4
Plainwell	1-1	1-6
Allegan	0-1	1-7

South Division

	Div	Overall
Dowagiac	2-0	4-4
Sturgis	1-1	4-3
Edwardsburg	1-1	4-4
Vicksburg	0-1	3-4
Three Rivers	0-1	4-2

BERRIEN-CASS-ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE
Red Division

	Div	Overall
Brandywine	2-0	7-0
Buchanan	1-1	4-1
Bridgman	1-1	5-3
Parchment	1-1	3-3
Comstock	1-1	2-4
Berrien Springs	0-2	2-4

White Division

	Div	Overall
River Valley	5-0	7-2
New Buffalo	4-0	4-1
Howardsville Christian	3-2	4-3
Michigan Lutheran	2-2	3-3
Countryside	2-2	2-3
Lawrence	2-3	3-5
Lake Michigan Catholic	1-5	1-5
Covert	0-5	0-6

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Lakeshore Division

	Div	Overall
Fennville	3-0	5-1
Gobles	2-1	4-2
Coloma	2-1	4-3
Martin	2-1	2-5
Watervliet	0-3	2-5
Saugatuck	0-3	1-5

Valley Division

	Div	Overall
Schoolcraft	4-0	7-0
Kal. Christian	3-1	5-3
Kal. Hackett	2-1	3-4
Constantine	1-2	3-3
Lawton	1-2	3-4
Delton Kellogg	1-3	3-3
Galesburg-Augusta	0-3	1-5

SOUTHWEST 10 CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall
Cassopolis	5-0	5-1
Bloomingdale	4-1	6-1
Marcellus	4-1	5-2
Centreville	3-2	4-3
Hartford	3-2	3-3
Eau Claire	2-3	3-3
White Pigeon	2-3	2-4
Mendon	1-4	1-4
Decatur	1-4	1-5
Bangor	0-5	0-6

INDEPENDENT

	Overall
Benton Harbor	8-1

GIRLS
SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
West Division

	Div	Overall
Portage Central	4-0	8-1
St. Joseph	4-0	6-4
Niles	2-2	5-4
Mattawan	1-3	4-6
Lakeshore	1-3	3-5
Portage Northern	0-4	1-8

East Division

	Div	Overall
Kal. Central	3-1	6-5
BC Central	2-1	8-2
BC Lakeview	2-1	6-4
Gull Lake	1-2	4-5
Kal. Loy Norrix	0-3	2-8

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE
North Division

	Div	Overall
Plainwell	4-0	6-2
Allegan	1-2	4-6
Otsego	1-2	3-6
Paw Paw	1-2	2-6
South Haven	1-2	2-7

South Division

	Div	Overall
Three Rivers	3-0	8-0
Edwardsburg	2-1	9-1
Sturgis	2-2	6-5
Vicksburg	1-2	5-5
Dowagiac	0-3	0-8

BERRIEN-CASS-ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE
Red Division

	Div	Overall
Brandywine	4-0	9-0
Buchanan	3-1	6-2
Berrien Springs	2-2	4-6
Comstock	2-2	2-6
Bridgman	1-3	2-7
Parchment	0-4	0-10

White Division

	Div	Overall
Michigan Lutheran	7-0	9-0
New Buffalo	5-1	8-1
River Valley	5-2	6-4
Lake Michigan Catholic	3-3	4-3
Lawrence	3-4	3-8
Howardsville Christian	1-3	1-4
Covert	0-5	0-5
Countryside	0-6	0-6

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Lakeshore Division

	Div	Overall
Martin	4-0	10-0
Gobles	3-1	7-1
Fennville	2-2	4-4
Coloma	2-2	3-6
Saugatuck	1-3	4-5
Watervliet	0-4	1-9

Valley Division

	Div	Overall
Schoolcraft	5-0	7-1
Kal. Hackett	4-1	7-3
Kal. Christian	3-1	6-3
Delton Kellogg	2-3	5-4
Galesburg-Augusta	1-3	4-5
Constantine	1-3	3-5
Lawton	0-4	0-9

SOUTHWEST 10 CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall
Centreville	7-0	10-0
Bloomingdale	6-1	7-3
Decatur	5-2	7-2
White Pigeon	5-2	7-3
Hartford	4-3	7-3
Marcellus	2-5	5-5
Cassopolis	1-5	2-5
Mendon	1-5	2-5
Bangor	0-8	1-8
Eau Claire	0-8	0-0

INDEPENDENT

	Overall
Benton Harbor	2-7

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's AP top 25 poll

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Baylor (33)	15-1	1591	2
2. Gonzaga (31)	20-1	1588	1
3. Kansas (1)	14-3	1470	6
4. San Diego St.	19-0	1422	7
5. Florida St.	16-2	1335	9
6. Louisville	15-3	1303	11
7. Dayton	16-2	1139	13
8. Duke	15-3	1065	3
9. Villanova	14-3	1055	14
10. Seton Hall	14-4	1034	18
11. Michigan St.	14-4	1004	15
12. Oregon	15-4	886	8
13. Butler	15-3	867	5
14. West Virginia	14-3	758	12
15. Kentucky	13-4	755	10
16. Auburn	15-2	637	4
17. Maryland	14-4	525	17
18. Texas Tech	12-5	399	23
19. Iowa	13-5	398	—
20. Memphis	14-3	394	22
21. Illinois	13-5	280	24
22. Arizona	13-5	225	—
23. Colorado	14-4	154	20
24. Rutgers	14-4	152	—
25. Houston	14-4	151	—

Others receiving votes: Wichita St. 94, LSU 83, Michigan 73, N. Iowa 42, Ohio St. 36, Stanford 28, Wisconsin 28, Penn St. 24, Florida 21, Liberty 21, Arkansas 19, Creighton 13, Duquesne 13, Virginia 13, Purdue 9, ETSU 6, Indiana 6, Southern Cal 4, BYU 2, Marquette 2, Harvard 1.

Women's AP top 25 poll

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. South Carolina (22)	17-1	741	1
2. Baylor (6)	15-1	725	2
3. UConn	16-1	665	4
4. Oregon	15-2	658	6
5. Louisville (2)	18-1	641	5
6. Stanford	16-2	599	3
7. Oregon St.	16-2	545	8
8. N.C. State	17-1	530	9
9. Mississippi St.	16-2	504	10
10. UCLA	16-1	497	7
11. DePaul	17-2	425	14
12. Kentucky	15-3	378	11
13. Gonzaga	18-1	366	16
14. Florida St.	15-3	358	13
15. Texas A&M	15-3	345	12
16. Arizona St.	15-4	297	18
17. Indiana	14-4	221	15
18. Arizona	15-3	214	21
19. Iowa	15-3	186	22
20. Maryland	13-4	184	20
21. Arkansas	15-3	156	23
22. Northwestern	16-2	118	—
23. Tennessee	14-3	116	24
24. South Dakota	17-2	110	25
25. West Virginia	13-3	63	17

Others receiving votes: Missouri St. 42, Rutgers 31, Princeton 28, LSU 5, Florida Gulf Coast 2.

NFL

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
San Francisco 27, Minnesota 10
Tennessee 28, Baltimore 12
Sunday, Jan. 12
Kansas City 51, Houston 31
Green Bay 28, Seattle 23
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
Kansas City 35, Tennessee 24
San Francisco 37, Green Bay 20
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
Miami
Kansas City vs. San Francisco, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	28	14	.667	—
Boston	27	14	.659	½
Philadelphia	28	16	.636	1
Brooklyn	18	23	.439	9½
New York	11	32	.256	17½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	29	13	.690	—
Orlando	20	23	.465	9½
Charlotte	15	29	.341	15
Washington	13	28	.317	15½
Atlanta	10	33	.233	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	38	6	.864	—
Indiana	28	15	.651	9½
Detroit	16	27	.372	21½
Chicago	16	28	.364	22
Cleveland	12	31	.279	25½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	27	15	.643	—
Houston	26	15	.634	½
Memphis	20	22	.476	7
San Antonio	18	23	.439	8½
New Orleans	16	27	.372	11½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	29	13	.690	—
Utah	29	13	.690	—
Oklahoma City	24	19	.558	5½
Portland	18	26	.409	12
Minnesota	15	27	.357	14

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	34	8	.810	—
L.A. Clippers	30	13	.698	4½
Phoenix	18	24	.429	16
Sacramento	15	27	.357	19
Golden State	10	34	.227	25

Sunday's Games
San Antonio 107, Miami 102
Indiana 115, Denver 107
Monday's Games
Detroit at Washington
Toronto at Atlanta
Phila. at Brooklyn
Chicago at Milwaukee
New Orleans at Memphis
New York at Cleveland
Oklahoma City at Houston
Orlando at Charlotte
Sacramento at Miami
L.A. Lakers at Boston
Denver at Minnesota
Indiana at Utah
San Antonio at Phoenix
Golden State at Portland
Today's Game
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Oklahoma City at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Phila. at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	50	28	10	12	68	166	133
Tampa Bay	48	29	15	4	62	175	137
Florida	47	26	16	5	57	174	156
Toronto	49	25	17	7	57	176	165
Buffalo	49	22	20	7	51	145	152
Montreal	50	22	21	7	51	155	157
Ottawa	48	17	23	8	42	130	163
Detroit	49	12	33	4	28	104	189

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	49	33	11	5	71	177	144
Pittsburgh	49	31	13	5	67	168	133
N.Y. Islanders	48	28	15	5	61	139	130
Columbus	50	26	16	8	60	134	127
Carolina	49	28	18	3	59	155	131
Philadelphia	49	26	17	6	58	155	150
N.Y. Rangers	47	23	20	4	50	156	155
New Jersey	48	17	24	7	41	126	173

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	49	30	11	8	68	158	134
Colorado	48	27	15	6	60	173	140
Dallas	48	27	17	4	58	125	120
Winnipeg	49	25	20	4	54	148	152
Chicago	50	24	20	6	54	152	157
Nashville	47	22	18	7	51	156	154
Minnesota	48	22	20	6	50	148	159

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	49	27	18	4	58	162	149
Edmonton	49	26	18	5	57	155	153
Calgary	50	26	19	5	57	135	147
Vegas	51	25	19	7	57	159	156
Arizona	51	26	20	5	57	146	138
San Jose	50	21	25	4	46	130	167
Anaheim	48	19	24	5	43	122	150
Los Angeles	50	18	27	5	41	125	158

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh 4, Boston 3
Carolina 2, N.Y. Islanders 1, SO
Chicago 5, Winnipeg 2
Columbus 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Monday's Games
Detroit at Colorado
Florida at Minnesota
Today's Games
Vegas at Boston, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Winnipeg at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

NFL

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
San Francisco 27, Minnesota 10
Tennessee 28, Baltimore 12
Sunday, Jan. 12
Kansas City 51, Houston 31
Green Bay 28, Seattle 23
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
Kansas City 35, Tennessee 24
San Francisco 37, Green Bay 20
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
Miami
Kansas City vs. San Francisco, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

After cashing in on QB gambles, Niners, Chiefs in Super Bowl

By EDDIE PELLS
AP National Writer

A little more than two years ago, a pair of teams gambled on quarterbacks who had all kinds of potential but were far from a sure thing.

Both teams guessed right.

The Kansas City Chiefs will meet the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl on Feb. 2 in Miami. Oddsmakers opened the line at pick 'em in a title game featuring one franchise, the Niners, trying to win a record-tying sixth Lombardi Trophy against another, the Chiefs, making their first appearance in the big game in 50 years.

Their quarterbacks: Patrick Mahomes (KC) and Jimmy Garoppolo (SF).

Mahomes, whose gaudy college stats (his 5,052 passing yards led the country in 2016) were a byproduct of playing at pass-happy Texas Tech, was generally viewed as no better than the second-best quarterback in a 2017 draft that wasn't considered strong on quarterbacks to begin with.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid disagreed. He gave up a first-round pick in the following year's draft to move up to select Mahomes in 2017. Now, in his third season, Mahomes is a Super Bowl quarterback. He has 11 postseason touchdown passes, not a single interception, and has even led the Chiefs in rushing the last two weeks. With its 35-24 win over Tennessee on Sunday in the AFC title game, Kansas City became the first team in NFL history to go from trailing by double digits to winning by double digits in consecutive playoff games.

"Everybody liked this guy," Reid said, in 2017, about the reaction from the Kansas City front office and scouting department after they'd spent time with Mahomes in advance of the draft. "Everybody fell in love with the kid and how he went about his business and how he played. That's not something that happens every year."

Garoppolo, a second-round pick by the Patriots in 2014, was considered the quarterback-in-waiting in New England, despite a limited resume as Tom Brady's backup. But with the Patriots not ready to part ways with their franchise cornerstone, and with Garoppolo's contract running out, the quarterback became expendable. San Francisco acquired him in the middle of the 2017 season for a second-round pick.

Garoppolo won his first five starts in San Francisco and, before the season was out, he had a five-year contract extension that, at the time, included the highest average yearly salary in NFL history.

"When you find the right guy at that position, it's really good for your franchise," Niners GM John Lynch said, not long after the trade.

Though Garoppolo's 102 passer rating this season was only 3.3 points less than Mahomes', San Francisco doesn't depend on its franchise QB the way Kansas City does.

Exhibit A: Garoppolo threw only eight passes and totaled only 77 yards in San Francisco's 37-20 win over Green Bay in the NFC title game Sunday. He is helped by a bruising running game recently anchored by Raheem Mostert (220 yards and four TDs on Sunday). And the Niners have found a game-wrecking defensive end in rookie Nick Bosa. The second pick in the 2019 draft had a sack Sunday to go with the nine he recorded over the regular season to fuel a defense that gave up the fewest passing yards this season.

It all helped the 49ers return to the Super Bowl for the first time since Colin Kaepernick took them in 2013. The departure of coach Jim Harbaugh and Kaepernick's kneeling saga ushered in a period of instability. It included a carousel of four head coaches in four years that finally settled when Kyle Shanahan – the son of two-time Super Bowl winning coach Mike Shanahan – got the job in 2017 and soon was joined by Garoppolo.

But when it comes to Super Bowl droughts – outside of the Jets and a handful of teams who have never been, nobody has waited longer to get to the title game than the Chiefs.

The team that lost to Green Bay in the very first Super Bowl, returned three years after that, in 1970, to win its first NFL championship. The Chiefs had their ups and downs in the decades since. The stat that stuck out the most was their 3-8 home playoff record since that victory over the Vikings in 1970 that marked the last game before the NFL and its old rival, the AFL, officially merged and began playing as a single league the next season.

Now, in a season filled with celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the NFL, the Chiefs are back, coached by Reid, whose 14 postseason wins compiled over 20 seasons do not include a 'W' in the biggest game of all.

Could the quarterback he took a chance on – a nimble-footed, strong-armed, next-generation talent – be the one to finally put him over the top?

Garoppolo, to say nothing of San Francisco's running game and its top-ranked pass defense, will have plenty to say about that two weeks from now.

Lopez wins LPGA tournament in 7-hole playoff

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Having already battled for five extra holes into darkness without producing a champion a day earlier, Gaby Lopez and Nasa Hataoka showed up to work at 8 a.m., just like regular folks.

The early wake-up call and extra golf was worth it for Lopez, who rolled in a 30-foot birdie putt to prevail on the seventh playoff hole Monday and capture the season-opening Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions.

It was the second LPGA title for Lopez, who 14 months ago became the second player from Mexico to win on tour, joining World Golf Hall of Fame member Lorena Ochoa. She earned $180,000 for the victory.

The elite field featured 26 players who had won tournaments in the last two seasons.

This was the LPGA's fourth-longest playoff. The longest was 10 holes at the 1972 Corpus Christi Civitan Open, where Jo Ann Prentice beat Hall of Famers Sandra Palmer and Kathy Whitworth.

Lopez and Hataoka wound up playing the difficult 197-yard 18th hole at Tranquilo Golf Club at Four Seasons Golf and Sports Club Orlando eight times over two days, with two birdies from Lopez the difference.

Lopez birdied from 18 feet on her final hole of regulation Sunday to earn a spot in the playoff alongside Hataoka and Inbee Park, who was eliminated on the third playoff hole.

Hataoka, who made a deft up-and-down from 30 yards for par to extend the playoff to a seventh hole as play resumed Monday, had the edge on the final hole after hitting a 4-hybrid that rode a slope along the right side of the green and curled to 12 feet from the hole.

But Lopez, whose ball barely made the putting surface, went first, her putt up the hill slowing and tumbling into the cup on its last rotation. Hataoka, ranked sixth in the world, made a poor stroke, pulling her birdie attempt left.

After a week of warm Florida weather, temperatures in the mid-40s greeted the women Monday and morning shadows covered the green as they returned to the 18th. The par 3 is long and tough, with a deep bunker in front and rocks and water guarding the left side of the green. Players require hybrids and fairway metals to reach the green. There were only six birdies total made on the hole all week; Lopez owned three of them.

Hataoka had enjoyed her week playing alongside athletes and celebrities — the 49-player celebrity division was won by pitcher and Hall of Famer John Smoltz. But the pressure amped up once the playoff began.

Lopez charged into contention with a 5-under 66 Sunday, and played with confidence in the playoff.

WRESTLE

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losses on the season, both to top-rated wrestlers in Michigan and Ohio, according to coach Richardson.

"It certainly looked like Shane just ran out of gas in the last period," noted Bittenbender. "It was a good wake-up call for him, and our whole team."

St. Joseph coach Taylor Misel was pleased with his team's effort.

"Coming in here we figured if we go 2-2 we've had a good day," he said, of his squad that improved to 14-12. "You can't improve unless you wrestle tough competition, and we certainly saw plenty of it today."

LAKESHORE SUPER DUALS

Round 1 – Rockford 71, Cedar Springs 3; Lakeshore 60, Hudsonville 12; Dowagiac 42, St. Joseph 31.
Round 2 – Rockford 69, St. Joseph 8; Lakeshore 54, Dowagiac 21; Cedar Springs 45, Hudsonville 24.
Round 3 – Rockford 46, Laskeshore 22; St. Joseph 45, Cedar Springs 33; Dowagiac 44, Hudsonville 28.
Round 4 – Rockford 57, Dowagiac 17; Lakeshore 51, Cedar Springs 22; St. Joseph 49, Hudsonville 28.

Area individuals

4-0 – Lakeshore's Jonathan Gelesko (125), Micah Hanau (135), Zeke Rohl (215); St. Joseph's Nolan Wertanen (103), Jacob Halsey (130); Dowagiac's Wyatt Bailey (285).
3-0 – St. Joseph's Drake Collins (189).
3-1 – Lakeshore's Aaron Lucio (119), Shane Williams (140), Tafara Rukunda (171), Malachi Bell (285); St. Joseph's Matt Morris (171), Collin Staneart (112).

Hometown Heroes

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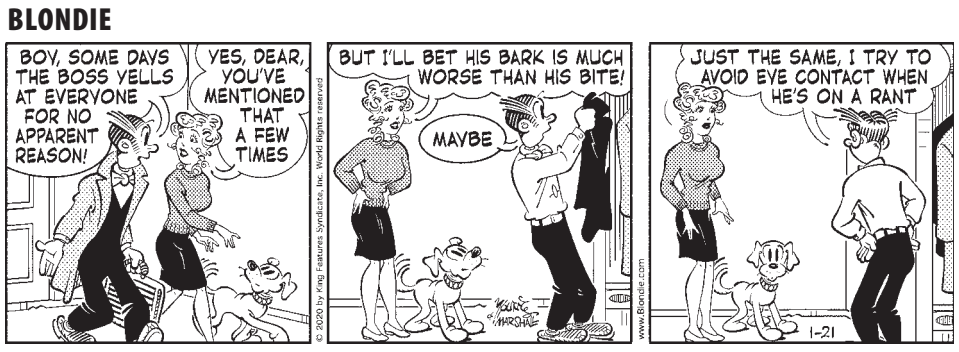
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YES, DEAR, YOU'VE MENTIONED THAT A FEW TIMES
BUT I'LL BET HIS BARK IS MUCH WORSE THAN HIS BITE!
MAYBE
JUST THE SAME, I TRY TO AVOID EYE CONTACT WHEN HE'S ON A RANT
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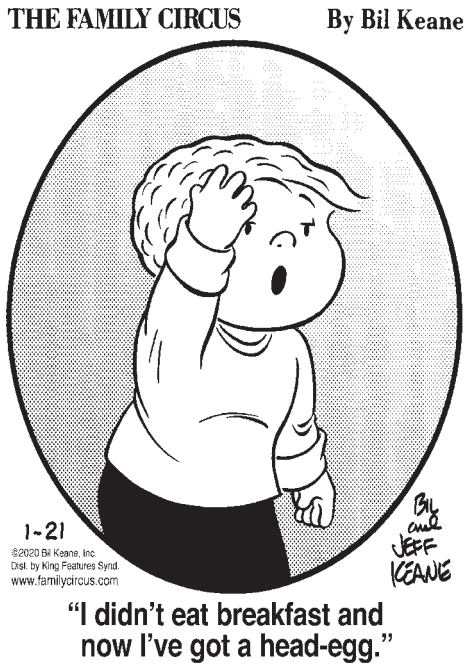
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"I didn't eat breakfast and now I've got a head-egg."

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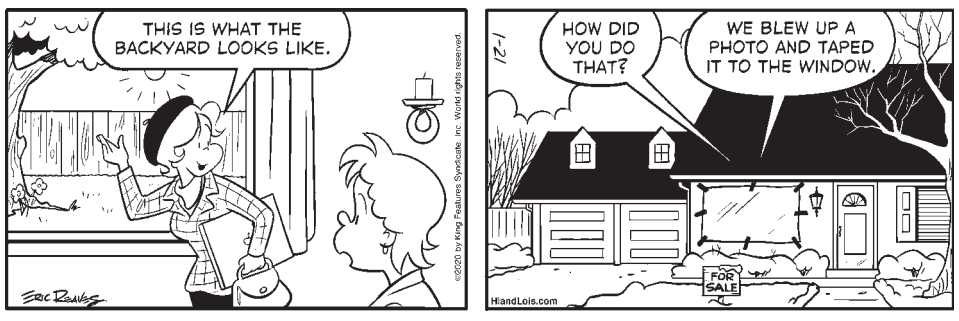
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ERIC REYNOLDS
HOW DID YOU DO THAT?
WE BLEW UP A PHOTO AND TAPED IT TO THE WINDOW.
FOR SALE
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BABY BLUES

WHY IS THAT WOMAN FRANTICALLY WAVING AT ME?
BECAUSE YOU'RE IN THE WRONG PARKING LOT.
PARENTS ARE SUPPOSED TO DROP OFF KIDS IN THE DROP-OFF AREA.
WELL, THIS PARENT IS GOING TO DO IT HER WAY!
I GOT SENT TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE TODAY.
TELL ME MORE, BAD GIRL!
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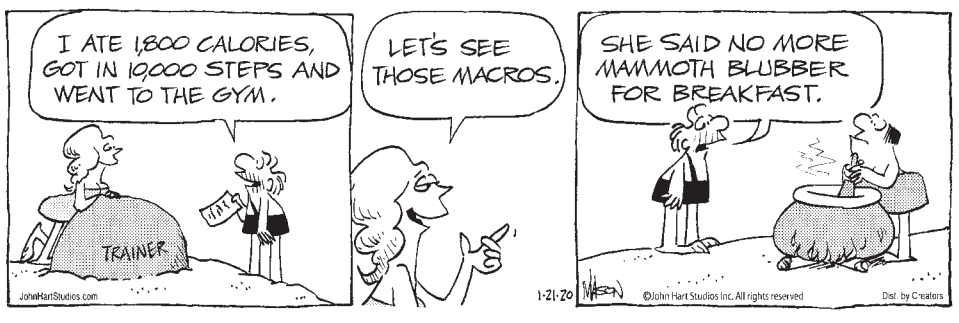
I ATE 1,800 CALORIES, GOT IN 10,000 STEPS AND WENT TO THE GYM.
TRAINER
LET'S SEE THOSE MACROS.
SHE SAID NO MORE MAMMOTH BLUBBER FOR BREAKFAST.
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CURTIS

"THE CREEPING EYE"!
SCIENTISTS SEARCHING FOR A CURE FOR TOTAL BLINDNESS ACCIDENTALLY CREATE A GIANT RUNNY-
STOP! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE! I CAN'T WATCH THIS AND EAT!!
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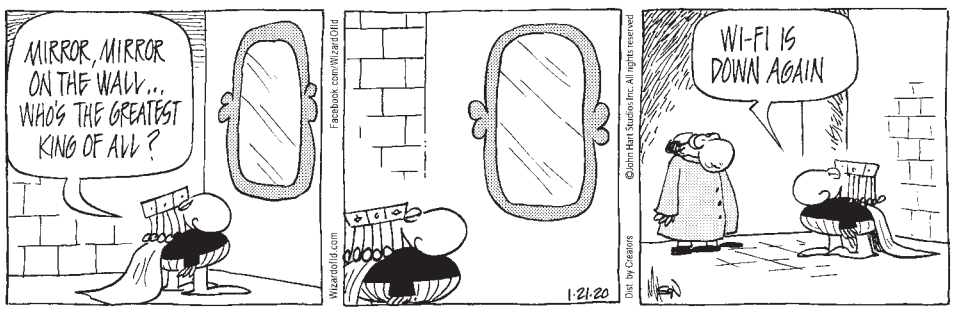
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DILBERT

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OUR BEST BET IS TO LURE THEM INTO SOME SORT OF OUTDOOR PROTEST EVENT AND...
BAD IDEA. VERY BAD!
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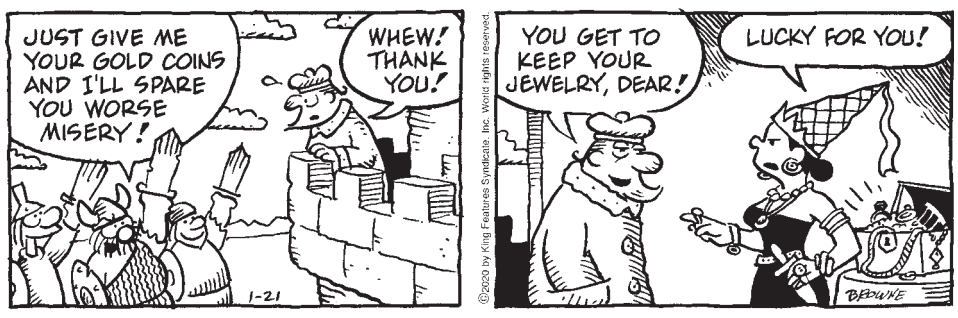
JUST GIVE ME YOUR GOLD COINS AND I'LL SPARE YOU WORSE MISERY!
WHEW! THANK YOU!
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YOU GET TO KEEP YOUR JEWELRY, DEAR!
LUCKY FOR YOU!
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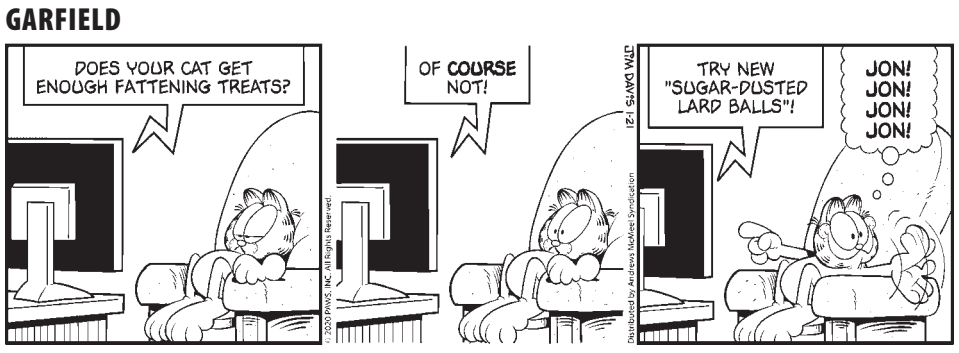
DOES YOUR CAT GET ENOUGH FATTENING TREATS?
OF COURSE NOT!
TRY NEW "SUGAR-DUSTED LARD BALLS"!
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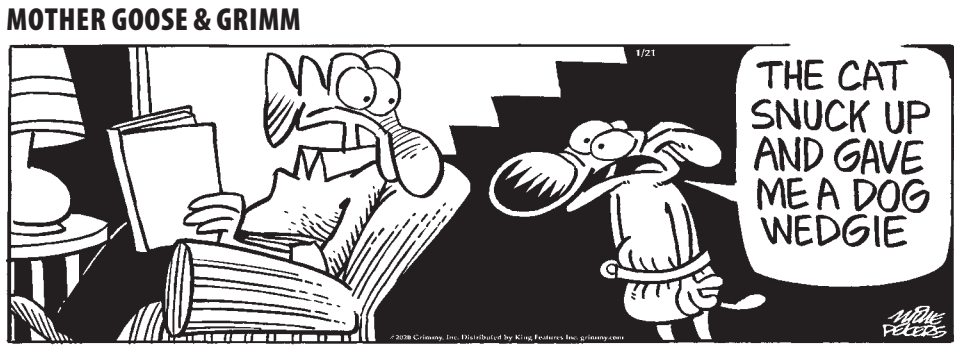

FORT KNOX

KURT WROTE ME A POEM!
HE DID WHAT??
WHERE FART THOU?
IT'S CALLED "YOU ARE SO BEAUTIFUL."
HA HA! MAYBE HE'LL WRITE ME A POEM TOO.
BEWARE THE Ides OF MARCH
AND WHAT WOULD IT BE CALLED?
WINTER OF MY DISCONTENT
OH, HELLO
R+J
"YOU ARE SO DEAD."
ROMEO MUST DIE!
IF U PUNCH HIM, DUZ HE NOT BLEED?
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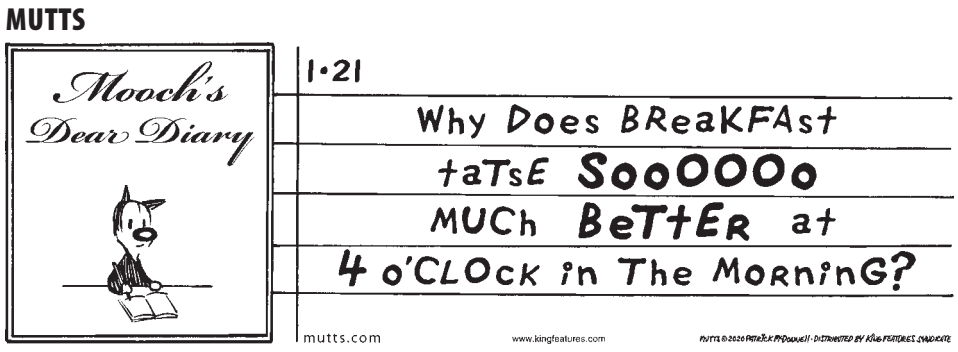

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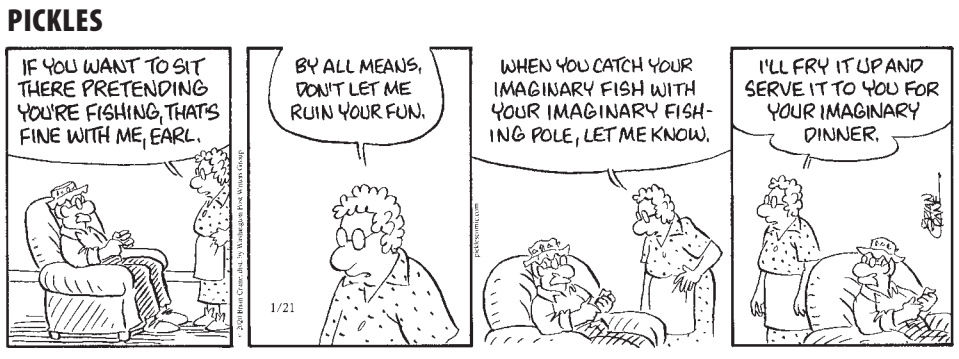
IF YOU WANT TO SIT THERE PRETENDING YOU'RE FISHING, THAT'S FINE WITH ME, EARL.
BY ALL MEANS, DON'T LET ME RUIN YOUR FUN.
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WHEN YOU CATCH YOUR IMAGINARY FISH WITH YOUR IMAGINARY FISHING POLE, LET ME KNOW.
I'LL FRY IT UP AND SERVE IT TO YOU FOR YOUR IMAGINARY DINNER.
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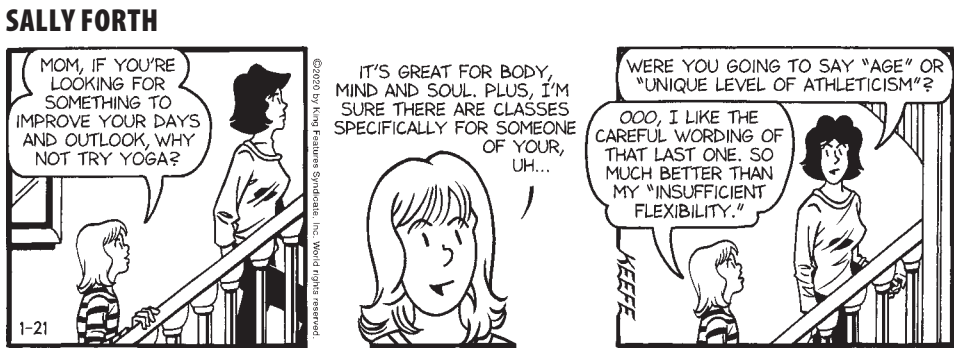
SALLY FORTH


MOM, IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO IMPROVE YOUR DAYS AND OUTLOOK, WHY NOT TRY YOGA?
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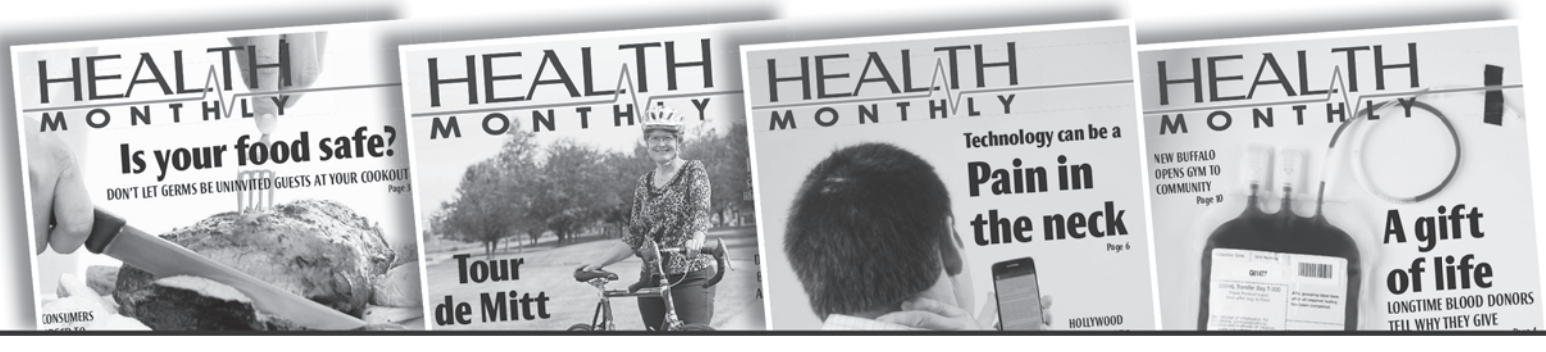
IT'S GREAT FOR BODY, MIND AND SOUL. PLUS, I'M SURE THERE ARE CLASSES SPECIFICALLY FOR SOMEONE OF YOUR, UH...
WERE YOU GOING TO SAY "AGE" OR "UNIQUE LEVEL OF ATHLETICISM"?
OOO, I LIKE THE CAREFUL WORDING OF THAT LAST ONE. SO MUCH BETTER THAN MY "INSUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY."
KEEFE

HEALTH MONTHLY
EXERCISE YOUR MIND


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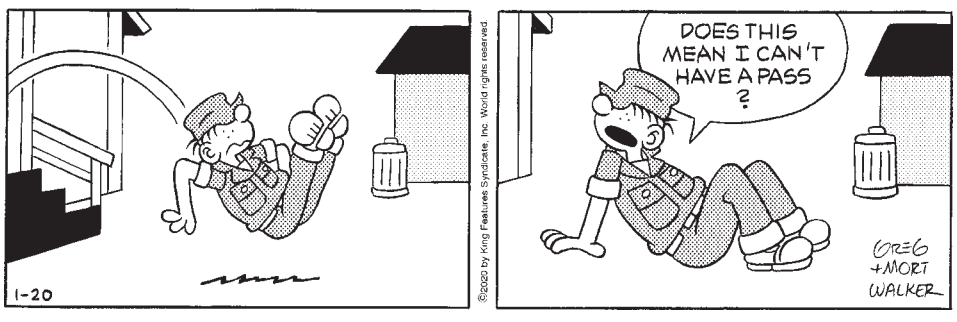

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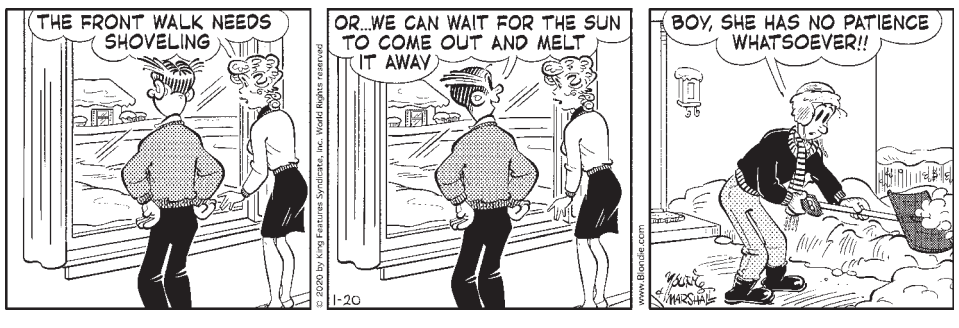
THE FRONT WALK NEEDS SHOVELING
OR...WE CAN WAIT FOR THE SUN TO COME OUT AND MELT IT AWAY
BOY, SHE HAS NO PATIENCE WHATSOEVER!!
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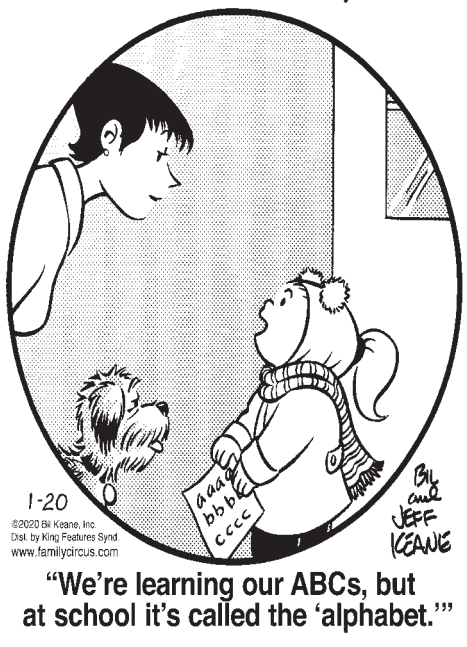
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"We're learning our ABCs, but at school it's called the 'alphabet.'"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IF YOU WERE IN SCOUTS, YOU'D KNOW THAT'S POISON IVY."

HI & LOIS

YOU KNOW THAT LITTLE "DING" YOU MADE IN THE CAR FENDER?
IT "DONGED" TO THE TUNE OF $1,000.
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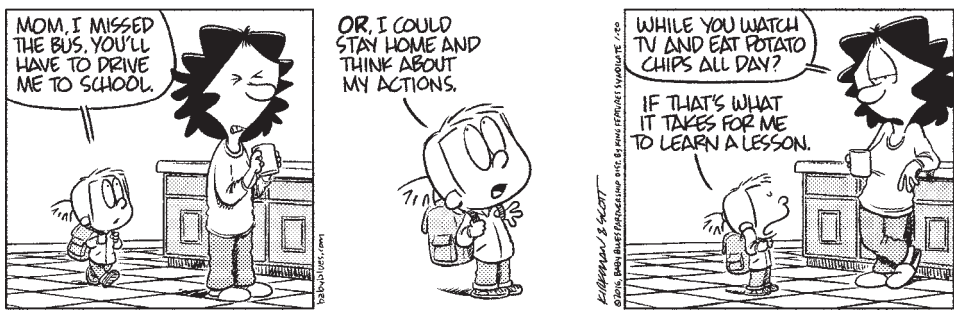
BABY BLUES


MOM, I MISSED THE BUS. YOU'LL HAVE TO DRIVE ME TO SCHOOL.
OR, I COULD STAY HOME AND THINK ABOUT MY ACTIONS.
WHILE YOU WATCH TV AND EAT POTATO CHIPS ALL DAY?
IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES FOR ME TO LEARN A LESSON.
babyblues.com

BC

CURTIS

CURTIS, ARE YOU USED TO YOUR NEW HAT?
YEAH, SURE. WHY?
WELL, I DUNNO...IT FEELS LIKE YOU WORE YOUR LAST HAT FOR THIRTY-ONE YEARS!
YOU EXAGGERATE SO, BARRY! THAT ISN'T POSSIBLE!
YOU'RE EIGHT AND I'M ONLY ELEVEN
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WIZARD OF ID

TODAY, WE HONOR THE LIFE OF THE KING!
YOU HEAR THAT, RODNEY?
YES! MY PEOPLE ADORE ME. IT IS I, YOUR KING!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
OH...
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ZITS

DILBERT

WE BOUGHT A START-UP THAT MAKES AUTONOMOUS DRONES ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS.
FOR USE BY THE MILITARY?
GOOD IDEA. I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT.
IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS FOR PRIVATE USE.
YOU SOUND JUST LIKE MY NEIGH-BOR WHEN HE STILL HAD A GAZEBO.
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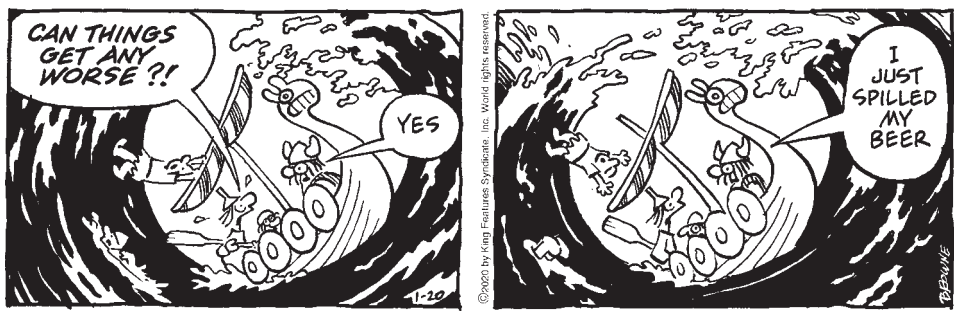

GARFIELD

HERE WE SEE A POLAR BEAR IN A WHITE HAT...
EATING VANILLA ICE CREAM...ON AN ICEBERG
IN A SNOW STORM
IF YOU SAY SO
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

FORT KNOX

MY TEACHER SAID I SHOULD EXPRESS MYSELF DIFFERENTLY.
HOW, KURT?
THROUGH POETRY! SHE THINKS IT'LL MAKE ME LESS AGGRESSIVE.
I JUST NEED HELP WITH RHYMING CERTAIN WORDS.
LIKE WHAT?
"PULVERIZE."
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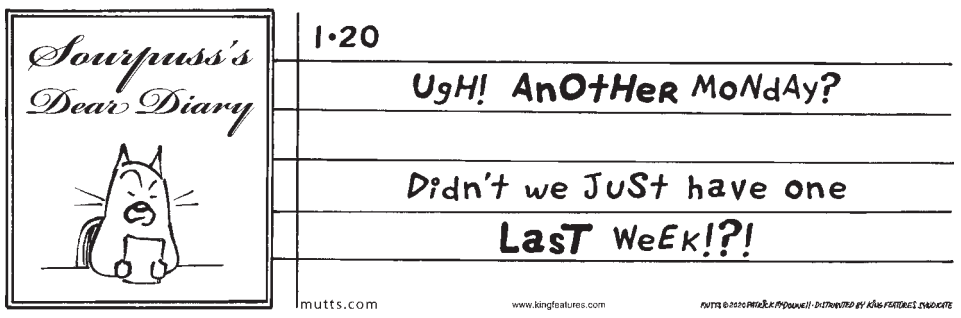

PICKLES

WHY ARE YOU WEARING YOUR FISHING HAT IN THE HOUSE, EARL?
IN MY MIND, I'M FISHING FOR SALMON ON THE BANK OF A BEAUTIFUL RIVER.
THAT'S KIND OF SILLY, ISN'T IT?
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SALLY FORTH

LET'S GO UPSTREAM, ROSCOE. THERE'S A GRIZZLY BEAR HERE SCARING THE FISH AWAY.
UNTIL I FIND A JOB, I SHOULDN'T JUST FILL MY TIME WITH BUSY WORK LIKE CONSTANTLY REDESIGNING THE HOUSE. I SHOULD FOCUS ON SELF-IMPROVEMENT. SO I WROTE ANOTHER LIST.
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ANOTHER LONG LIST, I SEE.
I'D SCROLL THROUGH IT FASTER, BUT LAST TIME I DID THAT YOU GOT MOTION SICKNESS.
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Prime Time TV

TUESDAY EVENING JAN. 21

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Conners (N)	Bless This M.	mixed-ish (N)	black-ish (N)	Emergence "Killshot Pt. 1" (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Sound Off" (N) CC (DVS)		FBI "Payback" (N) CC		FBI: Most Wanted "Hairtrigger" (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Ellen's Game of Games (N) CC		This Is Us "A Hell of a Week: Part One"		:01 New Amsterdam (N) CC (DVS)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	The Resident (N) CC (DVS)		Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	Finding Your Roots With Henry		Secrets of the Dead (N) CC		Frontline (N) CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Arrow A search for a kidnapping victim. (N)		DC's Legends of Tomorrow CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud (N)	Chicago P.D. "8:30 PM" CC		Chicago P.D. "Get Back to Even" CC		Chicago P.D. "The Three Gs" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Arrow A search for a kidnapping victim. (N)		DC's Legends of Tomorrow CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "The Slippery Slope"		Highway to Heaven "Man's Best Friend"		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish "Lemons"	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 CC		The First 48: Shocking Interrogations (N)		The First 48: Shocking Interrogations (N)	
AMC	6:00 Rocky IV	★★★★ The Godfather ('72, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together. CC					
Animal	Tree	:01 Treehouse Masters: Branched Out (N)				Barnwood Builders	
BET	5:30 ★★★ Django Unchained ('12) Jamie Foxx.					This Christmas	
Big Ten	Big Ten Elite CC		Tip-Off	College Basketball Nebraska at Wisconsin.			
Bravo	Vanderpump Rul	Vanderpump Rules "Training days"		Vanderpump Rules (N) CC		Watch What	Vanderpump Rul
Cartoon	Gumball	American	American	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy CC	
Cinemax	Lying and Stealing	Knock Knock ('15) Keanu Reeves, Ana de Armas. CC			:40 ★ Replicas ('18) Keanu Reeves, Alice Eve. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N) CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk
Discovery	:00 Moonshiners	Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N) CC		Moonshiners "Tickle to the Rescue" (N)		Guardians of the Glades (N) CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Stone	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	6:30 ★★★ Knocked Up			★★★ Knocked Up ('07) Seth Rogen.			
ESPN	College Basketball			College Basketball Miami at Duke. (N) (L)			
ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA.			Australian Open Tennis			
ESPNC	6:00 NBA	College Football From Sept. 8, 2012.				College Football	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Chopped CC	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Soccer	PBA Bowling Hall of Fame Classic. (Taped)				Motorcycle Race	
Freefrm	Beetlejuice ('88)	★★★ Captain America: The Winter Soldier ('14, Action) Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Samuel L. Jackson. CC					
FX	5:30 Baywatch	★★★ Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle ('17, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Jack Black. CC					Jumanji: Welcome
Golf	Masters	GOLF Films CC		GOLF Films CC		GOLF Films CC	
Hallmark	A Country Wedding	Love on the Slopes ('18, Romance) Katrina Bowden, Thomas Beaudoin. CC				The Birthday Wish ('17) CC	
HBO	Real, Bill Maher	★★★ Long Shot ('19, Romance-Comedy) Seth Rogen, Charlize Theron. CC				:05 The Outsider "Dark Uncle" CC	
History	Oak Is	Drilling Down		Curse-Island		Project Blue Book	
HGTV	Fixer	Fixer to Fabulous		Fixer to Fabulous		Move and Improve	
Learning	Fabulous	My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Big Fat Moves"				:02 Hot & Heavy	
Lifetime	Bough Breaks	★★ Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail ('09) Tyler Perry, Derek Luke. CC				:03 ★★ The Call ('13) Halle Berry.	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Siesta	Siesta Key (N) CC		Teen Mom: Young		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Pregame	NHL Hockey Florida Panthers at Chicago Blackhawks.				
NFL	NFL Total	2020 Senior Bowl		NFL Football Teams TBA. CC			
Nick	Sponge.	Henry	All That	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Ice Breakers		Life Below Zero (N)		Running Wild	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "An Honest Woman"		Chicago P.D. "Prison Ball" CC		Chicago P.D. CC	
Parmt	:00 ★★ Shooter ('07) Mark Wahlberg. CC					Ink Master (N) CC	
Showtime	6:25 Mad Max	Ray Donovan "You'll Never Walk Alone"		Inside the NFL (N) CC		Shameless Frank finds a cushy place.	
Starz	6:52 ★★★ Good Will Hunting ('97) Matt Damon. CC			Power "It's All Your Fault" CC		:01 ★★ Brightburn ('19) CC	
STZENC	:27 ★ Jack and Jill ('11, Comedy) Adam Sandler. CC			★★★ Don Jon's Addiction ('13) Joseph Gordon-Levitt.			13 Going on 30
SyFy	6:00 Hancock	★★ The Magnificent Seven ('16) Denzel Washington. Mercenaries battle a ruthless industrialist in the Old West. CC (DVS)					
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Hollywd-Home	★★★ A Face in the Crowd ('57, Drama) Andy Griffith, Patricia Neal. CC				:15 ★★★★ Hud ('63) CC	
TMC	Starship Troop	★★★ Airplane! ('80) Robert Hays, Julie Hagerty. CC			★★★ Starship Troopers ('97) Casper Van Dien. CC		
TNT	★★ Red	★★ Red 2 ('13, Action) Bruce Willis. CC (DVS)					Battleship
Travel	Dead	The Dead Files (N) CC				The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Hip Hop	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	:00 ★★★ The Other Guys ('10, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg. CC				★★★ The Other Guys ('10, Comedy) Will Ferrell. CC		

Man's low ambition casts shadow on couple's future

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a great guy for a year and a half. He's funny, smart, and when he comes to my house, he washes my dishes and plays with my son. He is attentive, and he cooks for me. He is always buying me little things like a desk coffee heater because he knows I love hot coffee, or smart bulbs that create cool colors in the living room. He's a super fun guy, and he often leaves sweet little notes around the house for me.

The downside is, he has zero ambition, zero motivation and no life goals. We are in our early 30s, and I'm a professional with my own home. He lives in a small room in a house with two housemates. His job pays very little, but although he has few responsibilities, he has been very slow to look for other jobs.

Abby, I have talked to him about our future. We both want to be together, but I told him I am not going to support him. We want to move in together, but he needs to be more financially stable. He needs to be my equal.

When we spoke, he agreed with me and the fact that he can do better. He promised he would be looking, but I have been waiting months to see a change in him and – nothing. Should I wait for him? Should I talk to him again? I want so much more, and I am not sure he can deliver. I don't want to stay just because my son loves him so much. What should I do? – Hopelessly Vexed

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR HOPELESSLY: I understand your position. You seem to want the whole package, and from what you have written, this person is not it. You should not have to support him, and he shouldn't expect it.

It appears that while the two of you care for each other, he simply cannot summon up the motivation to make the effort to better himself financially. Could you accept this in the long run? Is the status quo what you want forever? Bear in mind, if this man moves in, it will prevent you from finding a partner who is your equal in all ways.

DEAR ABBY: My son got married eight months ago. I recently found out he and his wife haven't sent thank-you notes to anyone. Some of our friends and family took time off work, traveled across the country, spent a lot of money on airfare, hotels, meals, as well as wedding gifts. I am mortified.

Abby, there were only 60 guests, so there were fewer than 30 thank-you notes to send. When I asked my son about it last week, he said they hadn't sent them because so much time had passed and it was too late. I told him it was inexcusable, and they need to get those notes written now because this is definitely a case of better late than never.

If they don't do it within the next week, I intend to contact my friends and family and thank them myself and apologize for their rudeness. My son was not raised to be ungrateful and rude. What do you think? – Furious In Arizona

DEAR FURIOUS: What you have in mind may be well-intentioned, but it won't make up for your son and daughter-in-law's lack of courtesy. If they fail to contact the guests who made such an effort to attend their wedding, do not speak up on their behalf because it will only make them look worse.

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Will I change my mind about motherhood?

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I have always wanted to have a family one day, and I think I still do. I love my husband and I love the idea of making people that have a little bit of both of us.

But all I can envision is uncomfortable pregnancy, painful childbirth, and how kids would totally cramp my lifestyle and bank account. Will my perspective on this naturally change? – Squeamish

DEAR SQUEAMISH: I have no idea. And telling women they're going to change their minds about having kids is so patronizing I won't even touch it.

I also think making decisions based on the expectation of a mind change is a great way to create misery. So here are some thoughts on your thoughts:

Pregnancy and childbirth are serious business, but opting out of kids just to avoid temporary pain and discomfort seems shortsighted, assuming you otherwise really want kids.

That kids will totally cramp your lifestyle and bank account is maybe understating it. They will empty your bank account and rewrite your whole lifestyle.

But, for some people, that's great – that's what they want to spend their money on and life with kids is their idea of fun. For others, it's resentment or anxiety, and what-ifs.

There are (at least) two other things you don't mention. First, long after the squeamishness issues are behind you, pregnancy can really do a number on a body, in ways that don't always improve with time. It can age you, rearrange you, widen you, stretch you out in places you don't want stretched, mess with your back, even change what you like to eat.

Carolyn Hax

Second, the lifestyle change isn't the biggest transformation. It's a phenomenon often referred to as having "your heart outside your body," meaning, you have a constant love and concern and fear and responsibility for and attachment to someone not you. This means you sleep less; worry more; face more challenges that would otherwise never occur to you; face criticism more, since we can't seem to stop judging each other (I laughed a little too hard at the movie "Bad Moms"); feel gutted more by more failures and disappointments, since you don't just feel your own, but also your kids'.

Non-parents have all of these weights and feelings, of course – the issue is the "more."

And when you're a parent, you're on the hook for it all, at least in the early years and arguably for life in some ways. You're where the buck stops on ev-ry-thing.

So, if you're not sure, don't. And if you stay unsure, stay don't.

But do talk to your husband about these thoughts you're having. It's not fair to present yourself as one thing and then not mention it when you're possibly transforming into another.

REGARDING SQUEAMISH: Maternal mortality is rising in this country. Women's pain, questions and fears are routinely dismissed.

Pregnancy is a potentially life-threatening condition for even the healthiest. Squeamish, if you become pregnant, find health care providers who will be your advocates. Your life may depend on it. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Yes, pregnancy is routine until it is not. And there are serious, unacceptable, well-documented disparities in maternal care. Thanks for speaking up.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Mogul
5 Chatter indiscreetly
9 Novelist — Levin
12 Homer's daughter
13 After-bath wear
14 Mongrel
15 Pharaoh's god
16 Right of passage, e.g.
18 Chart
20 Roly-poly
21 Cartoon shriek
22 Donne's "done"
23 University features
26 Scrape
29 RN's specialty
30 Burrito alternative
32 Pumice source
34 Cut
36 Navajo foes
38 Pioneered
39 Proverbs
41 Tresses
43 Close companion
44 Quirk
45 Go biking
48 Perplexed
52 Colt parent
54 Spillane's — Hammer
55 Sow's pen
56 Chances
57 Delightful place
58 Way of Lao-tzu
59 Work as a model
60 Plover's dwelling

DOWN
1 Dressed
2 Rigatoni kin
3 Aboard ship
4 Wandered freely
5 Fracture
6 Crumbly soil
7 Tummy muscles
8 Paging device
9 Put in the cooler
10 Pealed
11 Bohemian
17 Wall decoration
19 Stop working
22 "Peter and the Wolf" duck
23 Milk amts.
24 Arm bone
25 Battery fluid
26 Plays a role
27 "Soft Watches" artist
28 On any occasion
31 "The Mammoth Hunters" author
33 Billboards
35 Of the bishop of Rome
37 Thin wedge
40 Fast gait
42 Discernment
44 Uptight
45 Library sound
46 Soul singer — James
47 The Banana Boat Song (hyph.)
48 Physiques, slangily
49 Agree with
50 Just scrapes by
51 Car flaw
53 Yes, at the altar (2 wds.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Y	A	L	E		P	J	S		K	E	P	T
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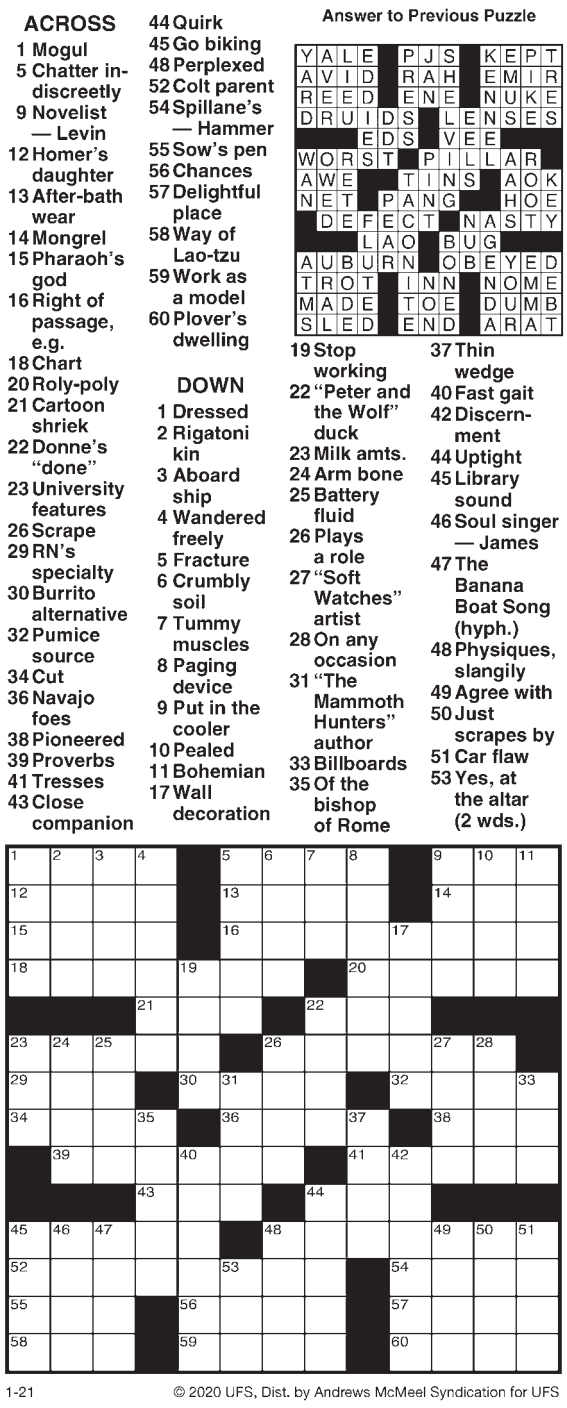

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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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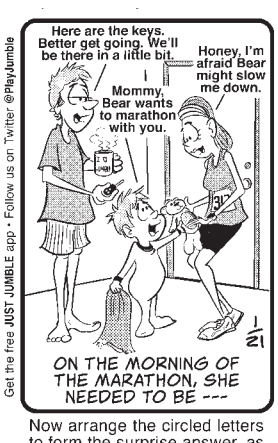
GLOMU

GOINNG

PRUTIN


Here are the keys. Better get going. We'll be there in a little bit.
Honey, I'm afraid Bear might slow me down.
Mommy, Bear wants to marathon with you.
ON THE MORNING OF THE MARATHON, SHE NEEDED TO BE ---
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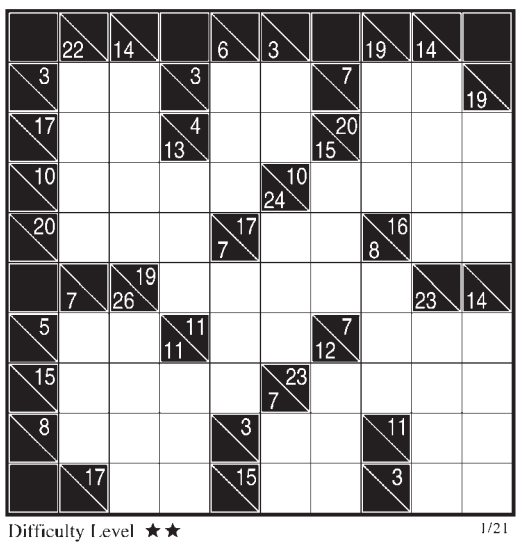
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TOXIN EAGLE METHOD TRUSTY
Answer: When the politician was arrested for corruption, his supporters — RAN OUT OF "ESTEEM"

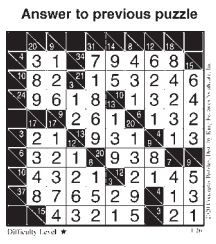
Kakuro



Difficulty Level ★★ 1/21

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle



Bridge

Edward Hoagland, who is best known for his nature and travel essays, wrote, "Country people do not behave as if they think life is short; they live on the principle that it is long, and savor variations of the kind best appreciated if most days are the same."

As we are all aware, there are variations to almost all declarer-play and defensive rules. In this deal, West leads the heart nine against three no-trump. After declarer plays low from the board, how should East analyze the deal?

Yesterday, we looked at a deal in which East had not to win trick one, but to force declarer immediately to burn up one of his two stoppers in that suit. Is this the same?

East was understandably worried about dummy's diamond suit. Before playing to trick one, he tried to anticipate the future play. He realized that if he ducked the first trick to South's heart queen, he would get in with his diamond trick and could drive out the heart ace, but it would be too late. Declarer would run for home with, in this layout, two overtricks.

Was there a more-promising defense?

How about winning the first trick and shifting to a club? If West had some goodies there, the defenders would have a chance to take one heart, one diamond and three clubs. As you can see, that was exactly how the play panned out. East and West were happy, but North was unhappy. He wanted to know why his partner hadn't taken the first trick with dummy's heart ace and established diamonds.

North 01-21-20
♠ A Q 4
♥ A 7 2
♦ K 10 9 6 4 3
♣ 2

West
♠ 10 8 7 5 3 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 8
♣ Q 10 6 3

East
♠ J
♥ K J 10 8 6
♦ Q J 5
♣ K J 7 4

South
♠ K 9 6
♥ Q 5 4
♦ A 7 2
♣ A 9 8 5

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		1♦	1♥
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9

Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

2	4	9		1	6	3		
			9	3				1
	3		8		2		5	
	1	7		8			4	2
9		4				8		3
3	8			2		9	1	
	6		7		8		2	
7				4	3			
		2	1	6		7	3	8

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	4	8	3	9	5	6	1	2
1	2	3	8	6	7	5	9	4
6	9	5	1	2	4	3	8	7
3	8	9	6	1	2	7	4	5
5	1	4	7	3	9	2	6	8
2	7	6	5	4	8	1	3	9
8	3	2	4	7	1	9	5	6
4	6	7	9	5	3	8	2	1
9	5	1	2	8	6	4	7	3

Tesla disputes claims its cars can accelerate on their own

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tesla is disputing claims by a California man that all three models of the company's cars can suddenly speed up on their own without the driver touching the accelerator pedal.

Tesla said Monday it checks when drivers report that their car accelerated on its own, and in every case where the company has the car's data, it drove as designed.

The company also claimed the man who filed a petition with federal safety officials is a short-seller of Tesla shares, referring to investors who borrow shares in a company's stock and try to profit by replacing them after the share price falls.

On Friday, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it would look into a petition filed by Brian Sparks of Berkeley, California, and decide whether to open a formal investigation. Sparks' allegations cover about 500,000 Teslas, including Model 3, Model S and Model X vehicles in model years 2013 through 2019.

Sparks said Tesla owners have lodged 127 complaints with the government, covering 110 crashes and 52 injuries.

Tesla, which did not respond when asked for comment on Friday, posted a statement Monday saying its electric vehicles do not accelerate on their own.

The company called the petition "completely false," adding that "the car accelerates if, and only if, the driver told it to do so, and it slows or stops when the driver applies the brake."

Sparks said in his 69-page petition that many of the Tesla accidents happened during parking, that the complaint rate was much higher than for other vehicles, and that Tesla refused to share the car's data with owners after incidents.

The highway agency has yet to verify the complaints. The people who filed complaints were not identified in NHTSA's database.

AP Photo / Virginia Mayo

Google's chief executive Sundar Pichai addresses the audience during an event on artificial intelligence at the Square in Brussels, on Monday. Google's chief executive called Monday for a balanced approach to regulating artificial intelligence, telling a European audience that the technology brings benefits but also negative consequences.

Google CEO calls for regulation of artificial intelligence

By KELVIN CHAN
Associated Press

LONDON — Google's chief executive called Monday for a balanced approach to regulating artificial intelligence, telling a European audience that the technology brings benefits but also "negative consequences."

Sundar Pichai's comments come as lawmakers and governments seriously consider putting limits on how artificial intelligence is used.

"There is no question in my mind that artificial intelligence needs to be regulated. The question is how best to approach this," Pichai said, according to a transcript of his speech at a Brussel-based think tank.

He noted that there's an important role for governments to play and that as the European Union and the U.S. start drawing up their own approaches to regulation, "international alignment" of any eventual rules will be critical. He did not provide specific proposals.

Pichai spoke on the same day he was scheduled to meet the EU's powerful competition regulator, Margrethe Vestager.

She's also due to meet Microsoft President Brad Smith separately on Monday.

Vestager has in previous years hit the Silicon Valley giant with multibillion-dollar fines for allegedly abusing its market dominance to choke off competition.

After being reappointed for a second term last autumn with expanded powers over digital technology policies, Vestager has now set her sights on artificial intelligence, and is drawing up rules on its ethical use.

Pichai's comments suggest the company may be hoping to head off a broad-based crackdown by the EU on the technology.

Vestager and the EU have been the among the more aggressive regulators of big tech firms, an approach U.S. authorities have picked up with investigations into the dominance of companies like Google, Facebook and Amazon.

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Meng Wanzhou, chief financial officer of Huawei leaves her home in Vancouver on Monday. A court hearing begins today in Vancouver over the American request to extradite an executive of the Chinese telecom giant Huawei on fraud charges.

Huawei exec extradition hearing begins in Canada

By JIM MORRIS and ROB GILLIES
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Media wait for Meng Wanzhou, chief financial officer of Huawei, to leave her home to attend a hearing in Vancouve on Monday.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The first stage of an extradition hearing for a senior executive of Chinese tech giant Huawei started in a Vancouver courtroom M onday, a case that has infuriated Beijing, caused a diplomatic uproar between China and Canada and complicated high-stakes trade talks between China and the United States.

Canada's arrest of chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou, the daughter of Huawei's legendary founder, in late 2018 at America's request enraged Beijing to the point it detained two Canadians in apparent retaliation.

Huawei represents China's progress in becoming a technological power and has been a subject of U.S. security concerns for years. Beijing views Meng's case as an attempt to contain China's rise.

"Our government has been clear. We are a rule of law country and we honor our extradition treaty commitments," Canadian Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland said at a cabinet retreat in Manitoba. "It is what we need to do and what we will do."

China's foreign ministry complained Monday the United States and Canada were violating Meng's rights and called for her release.

"It is completely a serious political incident," said a ministry spokesman, Geng Shuang. He urged Canada to "correct mistakes with concrete actions, release Ms. Meng Wanzhou and let her return safely as soon as possible."

Washington accuses Huawei of using a Hong Kong shell company to sell equipment to Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions. It says Meng, 47, committed fraud by misleading the HSBC bank about the company's business dealings in Iran.

Meng, who is free on bail and living in one of the two Vancouver mansions she owns, sat next to her lawyers wearing a black dress with white polka dots. She earlier waved at reporters as she arrived at court.

Meng denies the allegations. Her defense team says comments by President Donald Trump suggest the case against her is politically motivated.

"We trust in Canada's judicial system, which will prove Ms. Meng's innocence," Huawei said in a statement as the proceedings began.

Meng was detained in December 2018 in Vancouver as she was changing flights – on the same day that Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping met for trade talks.

Prosecutors have stressed that Meng's case is separate from the wider China-U.S. trade dispute, but Trump undercut that message weeks after her arrest when he said he would consider intervening in the case if it would help forge a trade deal with Beijing.

China and the U.S. reached a "Phase 1" trade agreement last week, but most analysts say any meaningful resolution of the main U.S. allegation – that Beijing uses predatory tactics in its drive to supplant America's technological supremacy – could require years of contentious talks. Trump had raised the possibility of using Huawei's fate as a bargaining chip in the trade talks, but the deal announced Wednesday didn't mention the company.

Huawei is the biggest global supplier of network gear for cellphone and internet companies. Washington is pressuring other countries to limit use of its technology, warning they could be opening themselves up to surveillance and theft.

James Lewis at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies said the U.S. wanted to send a message with Meng's arrest. There is good evidence that Huawei willfully violated sanctions, he said.

"The message that you are no longer invulnerable has been sent to Chinese executives," Lewis said. "No one has held China accountable. They steal technology, they violate their WTO commitments and the old line is, 'Oh, they are a developing economy, who cares.' When you are the second-largest economy in the world you can't do that anymore."

The initial stage of Meng's extradition hearing will focus on whether Meng's alleged crimes are crimes both in the United States and Canada. Her lawyers filed a a motion Friday arguing that Meng's case is really about U.S. sanctions against Iran, not a fraud case. Canada does not have similar sanctions on Iran.

"This extradition has every appearance of the United States seeking to enlist Canada to enforce the very sanctions we have repudiated," Meng's lawyer Richard Peck said in court.

The second phase, scheduled for June, will consider defense allegations that Canada Border Services, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the FBI violated her rights while collecting evidence before she was actually arrested.

The extradition case could take years to resolve if there are appeals. Nearly 90 percent of those arrested in Canada on extradition requests from the U.S. were surrendered to U.S. authorities between 2008 and 2018.

In apparent retaliation for Meng's arrest, China detained former Canadian diplomat Michael Kovrig and Canadian entrepreneur Michael Spavor. The two men have been denied access to lawyers and family and are being held in prison cells where the lights are kept on 24-hours-a-day.

China has also placed restrictions on various Canadian exports to China, including canola oil seed and meat. Last January, China also handed a death sentence to a convicted Canadian drug smuggler in a sudden retrial.

"That's mafia-style pressure," Lewis said.

SpaceX launches, destroys rocket in astronaut escape test

By MARCIA DUNN
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX completed the last big test of its crew capsule before launching astronauts in the next few months, mimicking an emergency escape shortly after liftoff Sunday.

No one was aboard for the wild ride in the skies above Cape Canaveral, just two mannequins.

The nine-minute flight ended with the Dragon crew capsule parachuting safely into the Atlantic, after separating and speeding away from the exploding rocket.

"I'm super fired up," Elon Musk, the company's founder and chief executive, told reporters. "It's just going to be wonderful to get astronauts back into orbit from American soil after almost a decade of not being able to do so. That's just super exciting."

NASA astronauts have not launched from the U.S. since the space shuttle program ended in 2011. Musk and NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said the next Crew Dragon could launch with a pair of NASA astronauts in the second quarter of this year – as early as April.

The Falcon 9 rocket blasted off as normal, but just over a minute into its supersonic flight, the Dragon crew capsule catapulted off the top 12 miles above the Atlantic. Powerful thrusters on the capsule propelled it up and out of harm's way, as the rocket engines deliberately shut down and the booster tumbled out of control and exploded in a giant fireball.

The capsule reached an altitude of about 27 miles before parachuting into the ocean just offshore to bring the test flight to a close. Everything appeared to go well despite the choppy seas and overcast skies. Within minutes, a recovery ship was alongside the capsule.

Recycled from three previous launches, the SpaceX rocket was destroyed as it burst apart in flight and slammed in pieces into the sea. SpaceX normally tries to recover its boosters to drive down launch costs, landing them upright on a floating platform or back at the launch site.

NASA's commercial crew program manager, Kathy Lueders, said the launch abort test was "our last open milestone" before allowing SpaceX to launch Doug Hurley and Robert Behnken to the International Space Station. Their launch date will depend, in part, on whether NASA decides to keep them for months at the orbiting lab, versus just a week or two. A longer mission will require more training before flight.

The astronauts monitored Sunday's flight from the firing room. Hurley said it was "pretty neat to see" the capsule aboard the recovery ship within two hours. By all early accounts, the test was successful.

"We'll see what the data show and go from there," Hurley said. "But it certainly is a confidence builder from the standpoint if you ever got into that situation, that Dragon can get us away from the booster quickly."

The astronauts also will have access to speed before liftoff. During a launch dress rehearsal Friday, Hurley and Behnken rode in a white Tesla Model X from Kennedy Space Center's crew quarters to the launch pad, their sleek white and black spacesuits matching the electric sports car with wing-like doors. Musk, who also runs Tesla, used the cars to get around the space center Sunday.

Delayed a day by bad weather, Sunday's launch from Kennedy brought together hundreds of SpaceX, NASA and Air Force employees on land, at sea and in the air. Tourists and locals alike packed the adjoining visitor complex and nearby beaches to see the dramatic fiery spectacle of an out-of-control rocket. Musk brought along his own family, including his brother.

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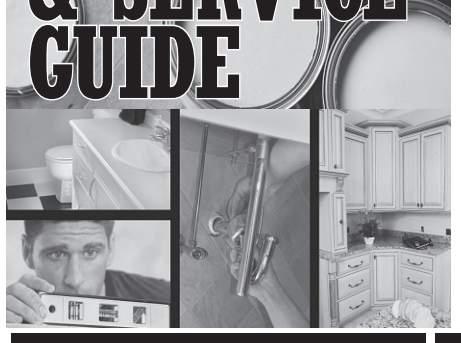

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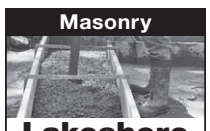

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you put blood, sweat and tears into a worthy cause, you will meet someone who can benefit you in unexpected ways. Speak up to create a following.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Mistakes are likely to happen, and compromise will end up being necessary. Evaluate what's going on instead of letting anger set in and cost you financially, emotionally or physically.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Reevaluate personal relationships. You cannot keep doing things for everyone around you and neglecting what you need to do for yourself. Relax and recover. Choose love over conflict.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Listen to someone with more experience. What you discover will help you move forward with your pursuits. A change is long overdue. Romance is on the rise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you fight for your beliefs, you will persuade others to help. A sound idea will be recognized and put into play. A partnership will flourish if equality is maintained.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A change of heart or circumstance that someone makes shouldn't leave you feeling uncertain. If you accept the inevitable, you'll find a way to turn what appears to be a setback into a success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Think twice before you put fun before responsibilities. Uncertainty regarding how much money you have should be cleared up before you make an unnecessary purchase. Choose your words wisely and avoid backlash.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep outside influences at arm's length. Reevaluate meaningful relationships and consider who or what is holding you back. If you are up-front and discuss what's bothering you, an opportunity will arise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Stick to basics, be moderate and use your intelligence to win the support you need to get ahead. Don't meddle; your time is best spent investing in your skills and future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be fooled by a hard-luck story. Stick to what's important to you and what will inspire you to reach your objective. A stern attitude will result in added respect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Listen carefully, ask questions and refuse to let anyone manipulate you into taking part in something that isn't in your best interest. Peace of mind will result if you take care of your responsibilities.

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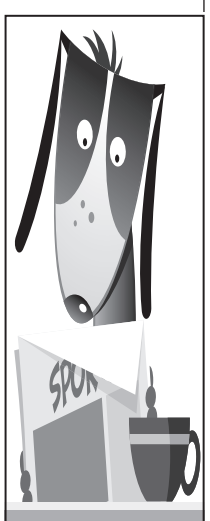

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